

PANETTA: INTEL IS HAMPERED BY BUDGET BATTLE

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WASHINGTON - Leon E. Panetta, who has been in charge of the federal budget, intelligence-gathering and then defense for two



Defense Secretary Leon Panetta sits before the Senate Armed Services Committee in Washington.

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Democratic presidents, on Monday said the fiscal impasse is hurting all three areas.

The indiscriminate, across-the-board spending cuts known as sequestration are also doing "serious damage to our national defense, particularly our readiness," said Panetta, who was secretary of defense under President Barack Obama from mid-2011 until he left the administration this year. He cited the squadrons that have been grounded, the carrier groups that are inactive and the training rotations that have been canceled, among other impacts.

Panetta, who was director of the Central Intelligence Agency for the first two and a half years of the Obama administration, said the government shut-down, which began Oct. 1, had forced furloughs for 70 percent of the intelligence agencies' staffs.

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"We're Getting Closer"



Senate Majority Leader Sen. Harry Reid is surrounded by reporters on Capitol Hill on Monday, Oct. 14, 2013 in Washington. Reid reported progress Monday toward a deal to avoid a threatened default. "We're getting closer," Reid told reporters.

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

At Press Time:

Reid, McConnell optimistic on debt-shutdown deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hopes grew Monday for heading off a U.S. government default and ending a partial government shut-down after encouraging comments from the often antagonistic congressional leaders at the center of the talks.

The stock market turned positive on the optimistic predictions of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid for the Democrats and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell.

The two men met twice before midafternoon, their sessions sandwiched around a White House announcement that President Barack

Obama was calling them and the party leaders in the House for the second time in less than a week to discuss the economy-threatening crises. The meeting was postponed indefinitely to give the two lawmakers more time to work.

Congress has failed to pass a bill temporarily funding the government, leading to a partial government shut-down that has furloughed 350,000 federal workers. Separately, if Congress doesn't approve a measure increasing the amount of money the government is allowed to borrow, the Obama administration says it will not be able to pay its

bills, risking a default that experts say could prove catastrophic for the economy. The two normally routine pieces of legislation have become entangled in disputes over Obama's health care overhaul and overall government spending. Visiting a charity not far from the White House, Obama blended optimism that a deal could be made with a slap at Republicans. "My hope is that a spirit of cooperation will move us forward over the next few hours," he said. And yet, he added, "If we don't start making some real progress both in the House and the Senate, and if Republicans

aren't willing to set aside some of their partisan concerns in order to do what's right for the country, we stand a good chance of defaulting."

Any legislation would require passage in the Senate and also in the House, where a large faction of conservative, tea party-aligned lawmakers precipitated the shutdown two weeks ago despite the efforts of both McConnell and Republican Speaker John Boehner. In the days since, polls show a marked deterioration in public support for the party.

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Kerry calls for 'urgent' conference on Syria

MATTHEW LEE
AP Diplomatic Writer

LONDON (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and the U.N-Arab League envoy for Syria said Monday that an international conference to set up a Syrian transitional government must be organized

dence of the U.S. Ambassador to Britain.

"There can be, there will be, a political solution if everyone gets together and works for it," Brahimi said. "Very soon we have to set a precise date."

Syria's civil war, now in its third year, has killed more

than 100,000 people. A car bomb in a rebel held town in the northwest part of the country killed at least a dozen people on Monday, a day after two car bombs exploded in Damascus near the state television building. Car bombs are becoming more common in the conflict.

"We believe it is urgent to set a date, convene the conference and work towards a new Syria," Kerry said. He said that Syrian President Bashar Assad "has lost the legitimacy to be able to be a cohesive force that could bring people together."



The planned Geneva II conference is aimed at implementing an agreement hammered out last year in the same Swiss city that

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

urgently and held as soon as possible.

"There has to be a transition government, there has to be a new governing entity in Syria in order to permit the possibility of peace,"

Kerry said. He said it was imperative to get the so-called "Geneva II" conference organized by a mid-November target the United Nations has set.

Kerry and envoy Lakhdar Brahimi spoke to reporters after meeting at the resi-

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calls for the establishment of a transitional government that would run Syria and prepare it for democratic elections.

Brahimi said he'll travel to the Middle East this week to see representatives of all sides to try to plan and set a specific date for the meeting. Kerry was in London on the last stop of an extended two-week overseas trip that has also taken him to Japan, Indonesia, Brunei, Malaysia and Afghanistan. □

Libyan arrives in US to face charges

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Libyan who has been held and interrogated for a week aboard a U.S. warship is now in New York awaiting trial on terrorism charges, U.S. officials said Monday. The al-Qaida suspect, known as Abu Anas al-Libi, was grabbed in a military raid in Libya on Oct. 5. He's due to stand trial in New York City, where he has been under indictment for more than a decade on charges he helped plan and conduct surveillance

for the bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998. U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara confirmed that al-Libi was transferred to law enforcement custody in New York over the weekend. Al-Libi was expected to be arraigned Tuesday, Bharara said.

President Barack Obama's administration took criticism years ago when it decided to prosecute admitted 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed in New York, rather than at the naval prison at Guantanamo Bay. After reversing

course, however, the government has successfully prosecuted several terrorism cases in civilian courts. Intelligence officials interrogated al-Libi for a week aboard the U.S.S. San Antonio in the Mediterranean. Interrogations at sea have replaced CIA black sites as the U.S. government's preferred method for holding suspected terrorists and questioning them without access to lawyers. Al-Libi's al-Qaida ties date back to the terrorist group's early years, according to court documents. □

LATIN AMERICAN BRIEFS

Rains halt searchers in Colombian collapse

MEDELLIN, Colombia (AP) — Heavy rains and fears an adjacent building could fall have forced a halt in the search for 11 people trapped in the ruins of a collapsed Colombian apartment tower. The city's emergency director says he hasn't lost hope that someone has survived in the 22-story building that imploded over the weekend. But Santiago Perez also said Monday that the odds are against it, given the weight of the rubble. At least one of the 11 is known to be dead. Prosecutors say they will investigate the company that built the complex in Medellin's wealthy El Poblado district. Officials on Friday ordered the tower's evacuation after residents complained of cracked walls.

Ruling-party mayor arrested in crackdown

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan prosecutors say they have arrested the ruling-party mayor of a large city as part of a crackdown on corruption. The announcement from the national prosecutor's office says Valencia Mayor Edgardo Parra was detained over the weekend. He has denied wrongdoing. Officials earlier announced the arrests of two people suspected of fraudulent dealings with the city of about 2.2 million people. President Nicolas Maduro has promised a crackdown on corruption, and has asked Venezuela's Congress to give him special powers to carry out that fight. Parra is the most prominent pro-government figure so far detained in the crackdown.

Gay pride swells at Copacabana Beach

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Rio de Janeiro's famed Copacabana beach was packed with tens of thousands of revelers who took part in the city's gay pride parades this weekend. A hot tropical sun beamed down on the flamboyant and loud processions. Participants in Carnavalesque outfits danced as trucks outfitted with enormous speakers blasted driving electronic music. Rio's pride parade isn't Brazil's largest. That distinction belongs to the event held in Sao Paulo. But the gathering is arguably the country's wildest, taking place in a city that throws its arms open wide to any event offering a glitzy show. Organizers say it's not just a party, though.

Argentina's Fernandez out of the hospital

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentine President Cristina Fernandez was released from a hospital at the end of the weekend after undergoing surgery for a cranial blood clot, but doctors said she needs another month of rest. Doctors at the Fundacion Favaloro hospital issued a statement saying she should be in "strict repose" and should avoid air travel for 30 days. Still, her spokesman Alfredo Scoccimarro said she was recovering well and is "in excellent spirits." That period of rest would keep her out of the campaign for legislative elections on Oct. 27. Fernandez, 60, underwent surgery last week to drain a blood clot that was pressing on her brain and causing pain.

Boat capsizes on Brazil's Amazon killing 12

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — A boat carrying Roman Catholic pilgrims has capsized on Brazil's Amazon river, killing at least 12 people and leaving six more missing. Authorities said that they don't know what caused the boat to capsize, though they are investigating if it was loaded beyond its 40-person limit. State authorities say the search is continuing for the missing, who were part of a group traveling in Amapa state to take part in a festival commemorating Our Lady of Nazare. □

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McConnell also met with Boehner during the after-

noon. Officials said Reid and McConnell were discussing legislation to raise the gov-

ernment's \$16.7 trillion debt limit until spring, staving off the possible default. It was not clear if that would

permit Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew to employ a series of steps that could add additional months to the

extension, as administrations in both parties have done in recent years.

Besides approving legislation to fund the government until late this year, Reid and McConnell considered appointment of House and Senate negotiators to seek a deficit-reduction agreement that could ease or eliminate a new round of automatic federal spending cuts scheduled to begin in January.

While the current round of these cuts fell on both domestic programs and the military, the upcoming reductions would hit primarily the Pentagon.

Also under discussion, officials said, was a possible tightening in income verification requirements for individuals who qualify for subsidies under Obama's health care reform law.

Separately, Democrats were resisting a Republican-backed proposal to suspend a medical device tax that was enacted as part of the health care law. The medical device tax is widely unpopular among lawmakers in both parties, and the outcome of that disagreement remained unclear. □



Senate Minority Leader Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ken., walks to his office after arriving on Capitol Hill on Monday, Oct. 14, 2013 in Washington. The federal government remains partially shut down and faces a first-ever default between Oct. 17 and the end of the month.

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

Former defense chief says standoff hurting military readiness

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"Who the hell came up with that?" he said at a meeting with reporters hosted by The Wall Street Journal. "You take 70 percent of our intelligence people and furlough them, you're seriously damaging our ability to gain the kind of intelligence that we need to gain in order to be able to know what's going on in the world."

Listing a number of international hot spots, Panetta said that "at the very moment when we're confronting those dangers," the standoff between the White House and the Republican-controlled House of Representatives - over financing and reopening the government and increasing the nation's bor-

rowing authority - is weakening the nation's defenses. Republicans refuse to resolve either matter until Obama makes concessions on his health care law and other spending and tax issues.

"This is not necessary. This isn't the result of a crisis; it's not the result of a war. It's not the result of something tragic that's happened in this country. It's not the result of a natural disaster. This is all self-inflicted," Panetta said. "That's the worst part of what we're dealing with. This is self-inflicted harm on the United States and on the people of this country. And that's why this is so tragic."

Panetta, who began his Washington career nearly a half-century ago as an aide to a Republican sena-

tor and later was a Democratic congressman from California, laid blame on both parties, and on the president, but mostly on Republicans. As a former chairman of the House Budget Committee and then as President Bill Clinton's budget director and chief of staff, Panetta participated in a string of budget summit meetings from the late 1980s through the 1990s.

While he praised Obama's intelligence and policy instincts, Panetta added his voice to those who criticize the president for not reaching out enough to congressional Republicans. "You have to engage in the process," he said.

"This is a town where it's not enough to feel you have the right answers - you've

got to roll up your sleeves and you've got to really engage, engage in the process."

At the same time, Panetta supported Obama's strategy to not negotiate with Republicans on budget issues until they agree to reopen the government and to raise the debt limit to avert default.

The deadline is Thursday. The president, he said, "is correct to make sure that we do not continue a process of using a debt limit as kind of a nuclear weapon aimed at our own economy as a way for people to get their way."

Panetta also said that if Republicans would not agree to consider higher tax revenues as part of a long-term deficit-reduction deal, they could not expect Demo-

crats to negotiate reductions in Medicare and other benefit programs that Republicans want.

"If they aren't willing to put everything on the table, then we really are going to have a breakdown in terms of the ability to govern the country.

Everything has to be on the table - that's the nature of governing this country," Panetta said.

On matters of foreign policy, Panetta said that he was skeptical of negotiations with Iran, over its nuclear program, and Syria, about its chemical arsenal. Iran's new president, Hassan Rouhani, has signaled openness to a deal, but Panetta noted, as many have, that policy is actually set by Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. □



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Budget fight has high stakes for Obama's agenda

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AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — For President Barack Obama, the outcome of this week's fiscal fights with Republicans could have broad consequences for his stalled second-term agenda. A favorable deal for the White House might give Obama an opening to marginalize the conservative, tea party Republicans who have tried to win concessions from him in order to reopen the government and raise the nation's debt ceiling. But if no agreement

is reached by Thursday's debt limit deadline, Obama will become the first modern president to preside over a government default, a dubious distinction with potentially calamitous economic consequences that could consume the White House for the foreseeable future. Another, perhaps more likely, option: Obama ends up signing short term bills that keep Washington in the never-ending cycle of deadline-driven budget battles. For Obama, that would mean fiscal issues would keep consuming the oxygen in the nation's

capital at a time when he is already watching his window for passing significant domestic legislation close. "It's a ticking clock," Julian Zelizer, a political historian at Princeton University, said of presidential second terms. "He's already into the red zone in terms of getting things done." On Monday, Obama and Senate leaders indicated they were optimistic that an agreement might be at hand to prevent a national financial default and reopen the government after a two-week partial shutdown. Officials in both



President Barack Obama stands with Chantelle Britton, who works at the Department of Health and Human Services, left, while putting a bologna sandwich into a Ziploc bag as he visits Martha's Table, which assists the poor and where furloughed federal employees are volunteering, in Washington, Monday, Oct. 14, 2013. (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

parties were discussing a proposal to raise the debt ceiling through the spring, as well as a shorter deal to fund the government for several weeks. "There has been some progress on the Senate side, with Republicans recognizing it's not tenable, it's not smart, it's not good for the American people to let America default," Obama said. The president had planned to meet with bipartisan congressional leaders Monday afternoon, but the talks

were canceled. The move was seen as a sign that progress was being made in private negotiations on Capitol Hill. But even if the Senate can reach an agreement, the fate of the deal in the Republican-led House would be uncertain. Even before Washington ground to a halt this month, Obama was struggling to score significant legislative victories in his second term. A push for stricter gun control laws collapsed in the Senate. □

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Carnival: Boy, 6, drowns in pool on cruise

SUZETTE LABOY
Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — A 6-year-old boy drowned in one of the pools aboard a Carnival Cruise Lines ship while at sea, the company said in a statement Monday. The Carnival Victory was on the last leg of a four-day Caribbean cruise Sunday when the boy drowned in the midship pool. He was at the pool area with other family members at the time, the statement said. Police said the drowning appeared to be an accident and an investigation was under way. The boy was identified as Qwentyn Hunter of Florida. "To the best of our knowledge it is the first time a

child has drowned aboard one of our ships," Carnival spokeswoman Joyce Oliva said in an email to The Associated Press. Investigators said the boy was with his 10-year-old brother in the pool at the time. Passengers immediately pulled the boy from the water and began CPR, but the child was pronounced dead at the scene. The ship arrived Monday morning at Port of Miami. There were 3,094 guests on the ship and approximately 1,100 staff members, Carnival said. The Miami-based cruise company has 24 ships that attract an average of 4.5 million passengers a year. □



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Groups urging Justice probe of 1985 bombing

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Civil rights groups and members of Congress are pressing the Justice Department to renew its investigation of a 1985 office bombing that killed Palestinian-American civil rights leader Alex Odeh and injured seven people.

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Jewish Voice for Peace and others have launched a petition campaign asking Justice to further investigate the explosion, which demolished the committee's office in Santa Ana, California. The online petition has about 10,000 signatures.

California Democratic Rep. Loretta Sanchez sent a letter to the department in June and is seeking other lawmakers to sign a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder. The FBI identified suspects after the attack, but none were ever named or indicted.

"Whenever a leader for a civil rights organization is killed, it is the responsibility of our country as a whole—and a civil rights community as a whole—to stand up and demand that their killers be brought to justice and to insure that the U.S. Department of Justice does everything in its power to close the case," NAACP President Ben Jealous told reporters in a conference call Monday.

The DOJ, which has furloughed workers due to the government shutdown, did not respond immediately to a request for comment on Monday, which also was the federal Columbus Day holiday. In 2010. □

Boy testifies against Saudi in Vegas rape case

MICHELLE RINDELS
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A 14-year-old boy testified Monday that he was "freaked out" when a Saudi Arabian air force sergeant made sexual advances toward him in a Las Vegas hotel room on New Year's Eve but didn't know how to get away before he was raped.

The teen acknowledged that he willingly followed defendant Mazen Alotaibi to the room at Circus Circus in hopes of getting marijuana from him.

He said Alotaibi offered to pay him money for sex, and he only agreed to the offer in hopes of tricking the man and running away before anything happened.

Alotaibi, 24, has pleaded not guilty to nine felonies, including kidnapping, sexual assault and lewdness with a child. If convicted, he could be given life in prison. He is in jail.

Alotaibi's lawyer, Don Chairez, has argued that if any sex happened, it was consensual. He does not believe any force was used.

The sergeant, who was in the U.S. for military training, told police that he met the boy in a hallway at the hotel on Dec. 31. He said the boy wanted marijuana and offered to exchange sex for money.

Nevada state law says children under 16 cannot consent to sex.

The boy accompanied Alotaibi to the hotel room where five other men were lounging on the morning before a New Year's Eve fireworks show on the Strip. Prosecutor Jacqueline Bluth has said Alotaibi steered the boy into the bathroom and locked the door before groping him and forcing him into oral and anal sex. Bluth said a nurse at a hospital detailed injuries consistent with such an attack. Police reported collecting DNA evidence from a used condom and a soiled towel found in the bathroom. The prosecutor said DNA swabbed from the boy's neck, ear, chest and other body parts was consistent with two people, including Alotaibi. □



Defendant Mazen Alotaibi listens to comments by Judge Stefany Miley at Justice Court in Las Vegas. The 24-year-old Saudi Arabian air force sergeant is charged with raping a 13-year-old boy at a Las Vegas Strip hotel.

(AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

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3 U.S. economists win Nobel for work on predicting asset prices

**KARL RITTER
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Associated Press**

Ordinary investors don't stand much chance of beating the market. It moves way too fast and efficiently. Or it behaves in ways that make no sense at all.

Three Americans won the Nobel prize in economics Monday for their sometimes-contradictory insights

terms of people not buying particular stocks but buying index funds."

Shiller's research examined asset prices from a contrasting angle. He showed that in the long run, stock and bond markets can behave irrationally, reaching prices that are out of whack with economic fundamentals.

Shiller, 67, predicted the dot-com crash of the early

think them deeply flawed, with Hansen "in the middle doing the math," said Allen Sanderson, a University of Chicago lecturer in economics.

"Their methods have shaped subsequent research in the field, and their findings have been highly influential both academically and practically," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in Stockholm. Fama, 74, and Hansen, 60, became the 11th and 12th professors from the University of Chicago to win a Nobel in economics, the most for any university. Harvard is second, with six laureates.

Hansen said he received the phone call from Sweden while on his way to the gym Monday morning. He said he was "still working on taking a deep breath."

Fama was preparing to teach his first class as a Nobel laureate Monday. Asked whether his students would get a break, he said: "We'll see, but they're going to get an exam tomorrow, anyway. They paid their money; they're going to get the full pill."

The Nobel prizes in medicine, chemistry, physics, literature and peace were created by Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel in 1895. Sweden's central bank added the economics prize in 1968 as a memorial to Nobel.

Americans have dominated the Nobel in economics in recent years. The last time there was no American among the winners was 1999.

Collectively, Fama, Shiller and Hansen didn't create a simple, unified theory of how financial markets work. Rather, they worked like "blind men feeling an elephant" — each finding a bit of the truth in a vast and complicated field, Sanderson said.

Fama's work drew criticism after the financial crisis of 2007-09 seemed to prove that financial markets were anything but efficient. Housing prices, after all, had scaled great heights and then crashed. □



Nobel Prize winners Lars Peter Hansen, 60, right, and Eugene Fama, 74, left, of the University of Chicago arrive at a news conference Monday, Oct. 14, 2013, in Chicago, after being named two of the three winners of the Nobel Prize for Economics. They share the prize with Robert Shiller, 67, of Yale University.

(AP Photo/M. Spencer Green)

into the complexities of investing.

Eugene Fama and Lars Peter Hansen of the University of Chicago and Robert Shiller of Yale University were honored for shedding light on the forces that move stock, bond and home prices — findings that have transformed how people invest.

Fama's research revealed the efficiency of financial markets: They absorb information so fast that individual investors can't outperform the markets as a whole. His work helped popularize index funds, which reflect an entire market of assets, such as the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index.

"Fama's work was incredibly fundamental in the '60s and '70s," said David Warsh, who follows economists at his Economic Principles blog. "It led to enormous practical change in

2000s and the implosion of home prices in 2007. He has also been a pioneer in the field of behavioral economics, or how human emotions, biases and preferences can collectively influence financial markets. Using mathematical tools like the well-known Case-Shiller index of home prices, Shiller has expanded the available information on asset prices.

Meb Faber, chief investment officer at Cambria Investment Management, said his firm uses a model developed by Shiller to seek stock bargains around the world.

Hansen has focused on statistical models, creating ways to test competing theories of why asset prices move as they do.

Fama and Shiller "provide the ends of the spectrum" between those who believe financial markets are efficient and those who

US never defaulted on its debt? Not so fast, experts remind us...

**CONNIE CASS
Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The same proud claim is made every time Washington wrestles with the debt limit: The United States has never defaulted. But the record's not that clean. America has stiffed creditors on at least two occasions.

Once, the young nation had a dramatic excuse: The Treasury was empty, the White House and Capitol were charred ruins, even the troops fighting the War of 1812 against the British weren't getting paid.

A second time, in 1979, was a back-office glitch that ended up costing taxpayers billions of dollars. The Treasury Department blamed it on a crush of paperwork partly caused by lawmakers who — this will sound familiar — bickered too long before raising the nation's debt limit.

These lapses, little noted outside financial circles in their day, are nearly forgotten now as Thursday's deadline for a debt limit increase approaches, leading to pronouncements that the U.S. could default for the first time if Congress extend the federal government's borrowing authority so it can pay its bills.

Indeed, Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew frequently declares that the United States has always met all of its obligations; a Treasury spokeswoman declined to discuss any possible exceptions. President Barack Obama, reminding Congress of the urgency of raising the debt limit before a Thursday deadline, warned of "the chaos that could result if, for the first time in our history, we don't pay our bills on time."

Historian Don Hickey isn't surprised that the default in November 1814 gets overlooked. After all, he titled his book, "The War of 1812: A Forgotten Conflict."

"He doesn't know his history," Hickey said of the president. "It's that simple."

To be fair, not many people do. The failure to pay some bondholders on time doesn't make it into many history texts, said Hickey, a professor at Wayne State College in Nebraska.

And the narrow lapses of the past don't compare with the kind of turmoil Lew predicts would occur these days if Treasury couldn't borrow enough money to pay what it owes to all sorts of people, from overseas bondholders to Social Security pensioners. If that's a financial hurricane, the 1979 Treasury bill glitch was more like a draft of chilly air.

Conservative tea party Republicans who have called on Obama to defund his health care overhaul law weren't the first to make the debt limit a bargaining chip. Over the years, congressional Democrats and Republicans alike have held it up for strategic reasons.

"History tells us that mistakes sometimes happen," Donald Marron, a former member of Obama's Council of Economic Advisers said. When Congress keeps Treasury waiting for an increase in its borrowing limit, he said, "the cushion against mistakes gets smaller and smaller."

Instead of claiming the United States has "never" defaulted, it's safer to say America was born in default.

The former colonies emerged from the Revolutionary War deeply in debt. In 1790 the first secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, took the issue in hand. His Treasury assumed responsibility for the states' debts, offered creditors less than they were owed and borrowed more money to put the new nation on solid financial footing.

Other maneuvers that undercut investors get labeled "technical defaults" by some historians and economists. A leading example is 1933, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt took the nation off the gold standard amid the bank panics of the Great Depression. The nation's creditors were paid with dollars of much lower value than the gold they were due. □

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US Financial Front:

Half of older US workers delay retirement plans

CHICAGO (AP) — Older Americans, stung by a recession that sapped investments and home values, but expressing widespread job satisfaction, appear to have accepted the reality of a retirement that comes later in life and no longer represents a complete exit from the workforce. Some 82 percent of working Americans over 50 say it is at least somewhat likely they will work for pay in retirement, according to a poll released Monday by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. The survey found 47 percent of working survey respondents now expect to retire later than they previously thought and, on average, plan to call it quits at about 66, or nearly three years later than their estimate when they were 40. Men, racial minorities, parents of minor children, those earning less than \$50,000 a year and those without health insurance were more likely to put off their plans.

About three-quarters of working respondents said they have given their retirement years some or a great deal of thought. When considering factors that are very or extremely important in their retirement decisions, 78 percent cited financial needs, 75 percent said health, 68 percent their ability to do their job and 67 percent said their

need for employer benefits such as health insurance. Graphic designer Tom Sadowski, 65, of Virginia, had expected to retire this year, but the recession caused his business to fail and his savings to take a hit. With four teenage daughters, he knew he had to put retirement off.

"At this age, my dad had already been retired 10 years and moved to Florida," he said. "Times are different now for most people." The shift in retirement expectations coincides with a growing trend of later-life work. Labor force participation of seniors fell for a half-century after the advent of federal Social Security pensions, but began picking up in the late 1990s. Older adults are now the fastest-growing segment of the American workforce; people 55 and up are forecast to make up one-fourth of the civilian labor force in 2020.

That growth has paralleled a rising interest in retirements that are far more active than the old stereotype of moving to Florida, never to work again. Among those who retired, 4 percent are looking for a job and 11 percent are already working again. Those still on the job showed far greater interest in continuing to work: Some 47 percent of employed survey respondents said they are very or extremely likely to



Brad Karsh of JB Training Solutions speaks to a group of generation X'ers at the Hu-Friedy Manufacturing Co. in Chicago. There's a new urgency to the quest for workplace harmony, as baby boomers delay retirement and work side-by-side with people young enough to be their children or grandchildren. (AP Photo/M. Spencer Green)

do some work for pay in retirement, and 35 percent said they are somewhat likely.

"The definition of retirement has changed," said Brad Glickman, a certified financial planner with a large number of baby-boomer clients in Maryland. "Now the question we ask our clients is, 'What's your job after retirement?'" Increased lifespans and a renewed idea of when old age begins are also fueling more work among older adults. Six in 10 people said they feel younger than their age; only 6 percent said they feel older. Respondents said the average person is old at about 72. One in 5 said it depends on the person. □



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Syria:

Gunmen in release four aid workers, hold 3

DIAA HADID

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Gunmen in Syria released three Red Cross staffers and a Red Crescent volunteer who had been kidnapped in rebel-held territory, the international agency said Monday.

The fate of three other Red Cross workers who were also seized Sunday in the northwestern Idlib province remained unclear, the International Committee of the Red Cross said.

Syrian opposition activists said the seven aid workers were taken at a rebel checkpoint outside the town of Saraqeb, manned by an al-Qaida-affiliate, the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant. There was no claim of responsibility.

About two dozen miles away, near Turkey, a car bomb went off in the market of the town of Darkoush on Monday, while it was crowded with people shopping for the four-day Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha holiday. The blast set cars on fire and sent people running.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 27 people were killed, while another activist group, the Local Coordination Committees, put the death toll at 15.

It was not clear who carried out the bombing and why they attacked a civilian target in a rebel-held area. Syria's conflict has seen an increasing use of car

bombings, but most have been carried out against regime targets, usually by jihadi fighters among rebels. Meanwhile, Syria became a full member of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons on Monday, in another

encountering difficulties. He was quoted as saying that one abandoned site was in rebel-held territory and that in other cases, routes went through opposition-controlled areas, preventing access because rebels have not promised

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, meanwhile, selected Sigrid Kaag, a Middle East expert from the Netherlands, to head the joint OPCW-U.N. team in Syria, U.N. diplomats said. Kaag is an assistant administrator of the U.N. Develop-



Firefighters extinguish a burning vehicle after two mortar rounds struck the Abu Roumaneh area in Damascus, Syria. Gunmen in Syria released three Red Cross staffers and a Red Crescent volunteer who had been kidnapped in rebel-held territory, the international agency said Monday.

(AP Photo)

step toward eliminating its chemical weapons stockpile by mid-2014.

The mission is overseen by the OPCW and the United Nations.

The joint team has inspected five of at least 20 sites in the past two weeks, according to the OPCW chief. Ahmet Uzumcu signaled that the team of 60 OPCW inspectors and U.N. staff is

cooperation.

"They (the areas) change hands from one day to another, which is why we appeal to all sides in Syria to support this mission, to be cooperative and not render this mission more difficult. It's already challenging," he told the BBC.

The OPCW won the Nobel Peace Prize last week, in a strong endorsement of its Syria mission.

ment Program and speaks Arabic, said the diplomats who spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of a public announcement.

The push to eliminate Syria's stockpile of about 1,000 metric tons of blistering and nerve agents stems from an Aug. 21 chemical weapons attack on opposition-held suburbs of Damascus. Hundreds were killed, including many children. □

Taliban leaders pledge to fight US-Afghan deal

PATRICK QUINN

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The secretive leader of the Afghan Taliban pledged on Monday that his followers will keep fighting if the government in Kabul signs a crucial security deal with the United States.

Mullah Mohammad Omar also called on his fighters to intensify their insurgent campaign against Afghan and NATO forces, and urged all Afghans to boycott next year's elections, including the vote to elect a successor to President Hamid Karzai.

The message from the Taliban leader came in an email distributed to media on the eve of the Muslim Eid al-Adha holiday.

Violence across Afghanistan has spiked as insurgents try to retake territory ahead of the full NATO pull-out at the end of 2014. The Taliban, whose weapon of choice is roadside bombings and suicide attacks, have been blamed for the overwhelming majority of civilian casualties.

On Saturday, Karzai and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry reached an agreement in principle on the major elements of a deal that would allow American troops to stay in Afghanistan after 2014 and allow the U.S. to lease a number of military bases around the country.

However, key issues, such as immunity for American troops who will stay on, remain unresolved. The jurisdiction over those forces must still be worked out, and U.S. officials have said this was a potentially deal-breaking issue.

Karzai has called tribal elders for a meeting of a consultative national assembly, known as Loya Jirga, for next month.

In his message, Omar warned members of the Loya Jirga not to approve the U.S.-Afghan deal.

"Those who would sign this could not be called a representative Loya Jirga of the country. □

Official: UK arrests thwart Kenya-style plot

PAISLEY DODDS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British law enforcement agencies averted a plot to orchestrate a large-scale terror attack similar to the assault on Kenya's Westgate mall, an official said Monday.

Police were questioning four men in their 20s on suspicion of terrorism after they were detained Sunday in pre-planned, intelligence-led raids.

A British security official said the men were planning a

shooting spree akin to the Westgate attack in Nairobi, in which at least 67 people died.

The official — who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media on the record — said it was not clear how advanced the planning was but that any attack was not imminent.

Metropolitan Police did not identify the suspects or say what, if any, charges, they may face. But in a series of

statements, the force said the men were all British nationals between the ages of 25 and 29, with roots in Turkey, Pakistan, Algeria and Azerbaijan.

The force confirmed that the London police firearms unit took part in the arrests. British police rarely carry weapons and their involvement suggested concern that men might have been armed.

Dramatic CCTV footage has emerged of one of the arrests, in which counter-

terror police are seen tackling a suspect on the street in an upscale west London neighborhood.

Elsewhere, police fired special ammunition — aimed at breaching doors or bursting tires — to stop a car near the Tower of London, and arrested two 25-year-old men. Another suspect was arrested in southeast London.

Officers were searching six locations and two vehicles in London following the arrests. □

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Israeli leader vows hard-line in Palestinian talks

JOSEF FEDERMAN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's prime minister on Monday said he is making a "real effort" to reach peace with the Palestinians, but vowed to maintain a hard-line stance in recently relaunched negotiations. The tough positions laid out by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu drew jeers from opposition lawmakers, and the Palestinians, already wary of his intentions, questioned his commitment to peace. Under heavy U.S. pressure, Israel and the Palestinians in July relaunched the first substantive peace talks in nearly five years. The talks have taken place in secrecy, and the sides have mostly remained quiet about their content. The negotiations are to stretch until April. In a speech to parliament, Netanyahu gave no signs that any progress had been made and repeated a series of tough positions that he said he would never compromise. Among them: that the Palestinians recognize Israel as the Jewish homeland, a refusal to allow international troops safeguard a final peace deal, and a pledge to hold a national referendum on any agreement. "I will not give up on our national interests to get a nice headline in some newspaper or another or for applause from the international community," he said. "Those pass quickly, but we need to keep our national interests forever and that is what we will do."

The Palestinians seek the



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks during the opening session of the Knesset, Israel's parliament, Monday, Oct. 14, 2013. Israel's prime minister says he is making a "real effort" to reach peace with the Palestinians, but is giving no signs of progress in recently relaunched negotiations. In a speech to parliament on Monday, Netanyahu vowed to maintain a hard line in the negotiations.

(AP Photo/Ariel Schalit)

West Bank, east Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, areas captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war, for their future state.

Netanyahu rejects a full withdrawal from the West Bank and says he will never relinquish control of east Jerusalem, home to sensitive religious sites. Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005.

The Palestinians reject Netanyahu's demands that Israel retain a security long-term presence in the West Bank.

Arab lawmakers heckled Netanyahu as he spoke of the ancient Jewish connection to Israel. And in a rebuttal to the prime minister, opposition leader Shelly Yacimovich demanded some clarity from Netanyahu on his vision for peace. □

Explosion hits hotel in Myanmar's main city

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Associated Press

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — An explosion struck one of the most prestigious hotels in Myanmar's main city just before midnight Monday, ripping apart a guest's room and wounding one American — the latest in a series of unexplained blasts to hit the Southeast Asian country. It was not immediately clear what caused the explosion in the 22-story Trader's Hotel. But the incident came after unidentified assailants planted three homemade bombs in and around Yangon in recent days, reportedly killing two people and injuring three others.

The blast late Monday blew out a window in the guest's 9th floor room, shooting shards of thick glass more than 30 meters (yards) into the street, but there were no other visible signs of damage to the exterior of the building. The device apparently went off in the guest's bathroom, towels, toiletries and a red purse scattered across the entrance way floor. A chair was overturned and part of the wooden wardrobe lifted off its hinges and lying on the ground. A 43-year-old American woman was slightly injured and taken to a Yangon hospital, according to a police officer at the scene

who declined to be named because he was unauthorized to speak about the incident.

Her husband and their two children, aged 5 and 7, were unhurt.

An American Embassy official, police and hotel staff declined to say whether the explosion was caused by a bomb.

A dozen police and heavily armed soldiers with a sniffer dog entered the glitzy hotel, located in the heart of Yangon. Later, many of them crowded into the destroyed room, blocked off with yellow security tape, to inspect the damage. Others carrying assault rifles and wearing bullet proof vests strolled through the

main lobby.

Traders' general manager Phillip Couvaras said in a statement that the hotel, part of the Shangri-La group, was working with authorities to investigate what happened.

But "because this is an active police investigation we cannot comment further at this time," he said. "The safety of our guests and staff are our highest priority and we are obviously monitoring the situation."

Small explosions occurred frequently when Myanmar was under 50 years of military rule, most often blamed on anti-government student activists or armed ethnic insurgent groups. □

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Egypt urged to probe killing of Morsi protesters

CAIRO (AP) — Rights group Amnesty International called on Egypt's government on Monday to launch a full and impartial investigation into the use of live ammunition by police to disperse protesters last week.

The London-based group said police used excessive and deadly force against supporters of the ousted Islamist president and that, in a number of cases, bystanders or non-violent protesters were caught up in the violence. The Health Ministry said at least 50 people, mostly in Cairo, were killed in the Oct. 6 protests, the latest turmoil to hit Egypt since a popular uprising in 2011. Political violence has seen an uptick since a July 3 military coup overthrew President Mohamed Morsi, with well over 1,000 of his supporters killed and more than 2,000 jailed, including leaders of his Muslim Brotherhood group.

"Although some pro-Morsi protesters threw rocks, burned tires and used fireworks or other incendiaries against security forces and local residents, the security forces — once again — resorted to the use of lethal force when it was not strictly necessary," said Amnesty. "Excessive use of force seems to have become the 'normal' modus operandi of Egyptian security forces." The military-backed Egyptian government has authorized security forces to use live ammunition

to defend themselves and in case of attacks on vital state installations. The Brotherhood has used the killing of pro-Morsi supporters at the hands of police to strengthen a narrative of

The government says it is keen on political inclusion but only if all parties accept to put Morsi's ouster behind them and accept a political road map that envisions a nationwide



Supporters of Egypt's ousted President Mohammed Morsi chant slogans against Egyptian Defense Minister Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, during a protest in Cairo, Egypt. (AP Photo/Khalil Hamra)

martyrdom in hopes of winning back popular support it lost during the one-year rule of Morsi, Egypt's first freely elected president. The group insists it will not negotiate a way out of the ongoing political crisis before Morsi is reinstated and the suspension of an Islamist-tilted constitution adopted last year is lifted.

vote on amendments to the 2012 constitution by the end of this year and parliamentary and presidential elections by early 2014. Morsi has been held at an undisclosed destination since his ouster. His trial on charges of ordering the killing of protesters last December is due to begin Nov. 4. □

NATO: person in Afghan uniform kills NATO soldier

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Associated Press
KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— A man in Afghan national security forces uniform killed a NATO service member late Sunday in eastern Afghanistan, the international military coalition said. The alliance did not provide other details nor the nationality of the soldier but said an investigation has been launched into the shooting. Most of the foreign forces serving in the east are from the United States. At least 15 foreign soldiers have been killed this year in so-called insider attacks, compared to a total of 62 last year. A total of 133 coalition soldiers have been killed so far this year, including 104 Americans. In other attacks, Afghan officials said violence over two days killed 32 people and wounded 35 in different parts of Afghanistan. Fared Ayal, a police spokesman for southern Uruzgan province, said Sunday that overnight fighting at a police checkpoint killed 10 police officers, eight insurgents and three civilians.

The Interior Ministry said in a statement that an insurgent mortar round fired in eastern Nuristan killed seven civilians, a claim denied by the Taliban in an email. President Hamid Karzai condemned the attack, which took place near a mosque, along with another mosque bombing in eastern Ghazni that killed two civilians and wounded four. Neither attack targeted government or military personnel.

Both the government and insurgents regularly inflate casualty figures, which cannot be immediately confirmed independently. □

Hollywood-style sting nabs alleged pirate kingpin

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Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The alleged pirate kingpin thought he was going work in the movies. Instead he landed in jail.

In a sting operation worthy of Hollywood, Mohamed Abdi Hassan was lured from Somalia to Belgium with promises of work on a documentary about high-seas crime that would "mirror his life as a pirate," federal prosecutor Johan Delmulle said Monday.

But rather than being behind the camera as an expert adviser, Abdi Hassan ended up behind bars, nabbed as he landed Sat-

urday at Brussels airport.

"(He's) one of the most important and infamous kingpin pirate leaders, responsible for the hijacking of dozens of commercial vessels from 2008 to 2013," Delmulle said.

Abdi Hassan — whose nickname, Afweyne, means "Big Mouth" — was charged with hijacking the Belgian dredger Pompei and kidnapping its nine-member crew in 2009, Delmulle said.

The Pompei's crew was released after 10 weeks in captivity when the ship's owner paid a reported \$3 million ransom. Belgium caught two pirates

involved in the hijacking, convicted them and sentenced them to nine and 10 years in prison. But prosecutors still wanted the ringleaders.

"Too often, these people remain beyond reach while they let others do the dirty work," Delmulle told reporters.

Malaysian authorities almost captured the reclusive Abdi Hassan in April 2012, but a document from the Somali transitional government let him slip back home, according to a U.N. report last year that called him "one of the most notorious and influential" leaders of a piracy ring that has

netted millions in ransom. So Belgian authorities decided to go undercover to get him, because they knew he traveled very little and that an international arrest warrant would produce no results in unstable Somalia. They approached an accomplice known as Tiiceey, dangling a fake job as an adviser to a fake movie about piracy, Delmulle said.

The two men took the bait. Tiiceey was also arrested Saturday.

The prosecutor refused to divulge any more details of the sting. The two Somalis were to appear in court Tuesday in Brugge. □

Russian police raid warehouse targeted in riot

LAURA MILLS

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian police on Monday swept through a vegetable warehouse earlier targeted by rioters, rounding up over 1,000 migrant workers, checking their documents and loading them onto waiting vans to be investigated for criminal activity. The raid came the day after demonstrators angry over the stabbing death of an ethnic Russian man broke into a covered market and descended on the warehouse where they believed the killer was working, throwing bottles and trash, smashing windows and turning over cars. Police detained hundreds of rioters.

Men who worked at the warehouse in Biryulyovo, a working-class neighborhood on the southern outskirts of Moscow, were marched outside by police. Dozens of people gathered at the market nearby to pledge their support to the rioters, venting their anger at the migrants from the predominantly Muslim Caucasus region, whom

many Russians accuse of pushing up the crime rate and taking badly needed jobs.

Tensions between ethnic Russians and natives of the Caucasus have long simmered, but stand-offs are becoming more common in recent years.

Caucasus natives work at many markets and warehouses around the city, but even though they are from the same country they are required to register in order to live in Moscow and face regular discrimination.

Andrei Galiakberov, spokesman for the Moscow police, described the roundup of some 1,200 people as part of a "pre-emptive raid" and said that some detainees are being investigated for possible criminal connections. Police also said that they found a car full of cash and unlicensed arms.

There was no sign in Biryulyovo of the crushed watermelons and overturned cars from the night before, but the smashed glass doors of the market remained closed for business. Marina Ivanova, who runs

a candy stall at the market, turned up for work despite the chaos of the day before.

She had been helping customers on Sunday evening when she heard the rioters smashing glass and chanting racist slogans. Ivanova said she didn't take sides, but worried that the con-

flict could escalate.

"They'll organize more people and come — both sides."

Outside the shopping center, Elvin Khassan, a 25-year-old who had moved from Azerbaijan to Biryulyovo to live with his relatives, faced off with an ethnic Russian man who was waving se-

curity camera shots of the suspected killer in his face, shouting, "You are hiding one of your own! Hand him over!"

Most of those in the crowd said they supported the rioters, who they said could be relied on more than the police to protect the neighborhood. □



People detained by police line up for identity checking at a vegetable warehouse in Moscow's outskirts, Monday, Oct. 14, 2013. Police in Moscow rounded up over a thousand employees of a vegetable warehouse on Monday, a day after riots on the Russian capital's southern outskirts. (AP Photo/Denis Tyrin)

Syrian migrants claim Libyan forces fired on boat

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STEPHEN CALLEJA

Associated Press

VALLETTA, Malta (AP) — Syrian survivors of the latest shipwreck involving migrants in the Mediterranean Sea claim Libya's coast guard fired on their boat after reaching it a couple of hours out of port, the U.N. refugee agency said Monday.

The survivors of last Friday's shipwreck have told UNHCR that the Libyans opened fire after ordering the boat to stop, damaging the hull and wounding four people, the U.N. agency's spokeswoman Melissa Fleming said from Geneva. "The boat took on water, and people started coming up from below, which could have contributed to the capsizing, according to witness testimony," Fleming said. She added that the four wounded were treat-

ed by doctors among the refugees on board.

UNHCR has asked Libya for an explanation based on the survivor accounts and the fact that people with bullet wounds have been among the more than 200 people rescued and taken to Malta and Italy.

The bodies of 34 people have been recovered, but survivors have told the U.N. that 400 to 500 people were on board, meaning more than 200 could still be missing. Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zidan denied the allegations in a press conference Sunday during a visit by Malta Prime Minister Joseph Muscat to discuss the wave of refugees arriving by boat from Libya in Malta and Italy. He pledged an investigation. UNHCR has expressed concern that Syrians escaping civil war are facing a perilous sea journey to reach safety in Europe. Two million Syr-

ians have fled to neighboring countries, according to the U.N. refugee agency, and many are continuing

the journey through northern Africa to ports where smugglers offer passage to Europe. Hundreds more Syr-

ians have arrived by boat in Italy over the weekend, following a string of recent tragedies. □

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Mexico: Crackdown on cartels spurs extortion wave

MEXICO CITY (AP) — When the threatening phone calls demanding \$20,000 in protection money began in December, Dr. Roman Gomez Gaviria shrugged them off, believing his clinic on the outskirts of Mexico City couldn't possibly be of interest to criminal gangs. A few months later, his sense of security was shattered when three armed men barged into his office screaming "Dr. Roman, you bastard, where are you?"

"They tried to tackle me, to take me out of the clinic, when I saw that each one had a pistol tucked into his belt," said Gaviria, recounting the ordeal. "They thought that, because I'm a doctor, I wasn't going to resist."

Such shakedown rackets have long targeted businesses in the most violent corners of Mexico. Now the practice is spreading. One anti-crime group estimates that kidnapping across the country has jumped by one-third so far this year compared to 2012. And as the extortion industry expands, it has drawn both experienced criminals and imitators.

Experts say the increase is a byproduct of Mexico's crackdown on the nation's drug gangs. As authorities nab cartel bosses and break up chains of command, hundreds of lower-level gunmen and traffickers are desperate for income and looking for income in new places.

Targets include everything from multinational businesses to corner pharmacies and unsuspecting holidaymakers. The gangs are less organized, but more ubiquitous than the drug cartels, affecting broad swaths of the country.

"It affects all economic activity. It discourages investment," said security expert Jorge Chabat.

In the first eight months of 2013, there were 5,335 reported extortion attempts nationwide, equal to the number for all of the pre-

vious year. If the current pace continues, the total could surpass 8,000 this year, almost twice as many as in 2007.

The tourism industry, Mexico's third-largest source of foreign revenue, has

"If we don't, it could escalate."

As if to prove his point, a group of Spanish musicians were hit by a telephone extortion scheme in Mexico City this month, though none was kidnapped or

minishes, house-break-ins, muggings and other crimes increase," federal security spokesman Eduardo Sanchez said.

Sanchez said he doesn't know whether reports of extortion have increased



A police vehicle is parked next to the clinic owned by Dr. Roman Gomez Gaviria on the outskirts of Mexico City, Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013. Security has been posted outside of Dr. Gaviria's clinic after he was threatened by a criminal gang demanding protection money. Shakedown rackets, which have long targeted bars, casinos and shadier businesses linked to drug traffickers, are increasingly going after legitimate businesses like Gaviria's clinic as extortions across the country are rising. Targets include everything from multinational businesses to corner pharmacies and unsuspecting tourists.

(AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)

been one of the hardest hit. Largely untouched when the U.S.-backed drug war began in late 2006, the state of Oaxaca had quietly become the turf of the Zetas cartel. In recent months, guests of at least a dozen hotels in scenic, colonial Oaxaca city have started receiving calls from strangers saying they would be kidnapped if they didn't pay between \$380 and \$1,500, hotel industry and security officials said. "The way they operate is to call the hotel, ask to speak to a particular room and then start threatening" the guest, said Joaquin Carrillo Ruiz, an assistant state prosecutor in Oaxaca. Many of the tourists, all from Mexico, reported the crime instead of paying up, but that hasn't calmed worries in Oaxaca, where tourism is a vital source of outside income. "We have to stop this in its tracks," said Juan Carlos Rivera, the head of the Oaxaca Hotel Association.

harmed. But even authorities acknowledge that the vast majority of extortions go unreported — as many as 92 percent according to a survey of crime victims by the National Statistics Institute. The same survey from April indicated that extortion is now the second most common crime after street robberies, with 7.6 percent of those surveyed in 2012 saying they were extortion victims, up about two percentage points from the year before. President Enrique Pena Nieto's government says the rise in extortions is a paradoxical effect of its success in the anti-drug fight. As such, it mirrors a trend in Colombia, where smaller-scale extortion rackets have mushroomed since security forces in the past decade broke the backs of Marxist rebels, paramilitary groups and major drug cartels with a national presence. "When cartel activity di-

because there are more such crimes, or whether people feel more comfortable going to police as previously lawless areas are brought under greater government control. What's not in doubt is the crime's lasting damage.

"The person who is a victim of extortion lives in a state of permanent kidnapping," Sanchez said. "They live in fear."

Gaviria now has police officers stationed outside his clinic following his close call on Feb. 6. But men he believes to be members of the gang that stalked him still lurk outside his office, and he believes they are being protected by corrupt police officials.

"From that day on, my life has been an imprisonment in my own home," said the 53-year-old Colombian-born physician, who managed to break free from his kidnappers, grab one of their guns and shoot two of them to death at close range. □

Antigua starts new program to sell citizenship

DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— The struggling country of Antigua & Barbuda has joined other tiny Eastern Caribbean islands in selling citizenship to wealthy international investors to drum up revenue, officials said Monday.

The twin-island nation of some 90,000 inhabitants started accepting applications last week for its citizenship-by-investment program, which is closely modeled on the one offered by nearby St. Kitts & Nevis. The government hopes to generate roughly \$550 million over the next three years by attracting some 1,800 new citizens, who have to spend at least 35 days on the islands during the five-year span an initial passport is valid for.

Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer said the revenue will help put the country "on the road to sustainable growth and development." The nation was slammed by the 2008 global economic crisis and the subsequent collapse of the financial empire of convicted fraudster R. Allen Stanford, who based his Stanford International Bank on Antigua and was once the country's largest private employer.

Spencer called for islanders who are hesitant about the concept to "trust your government." He said the program "should in no way jeopardize the integrity of the national passport" as critics have asserted.

A foreigner can qualify for Antiguan citizenship with a \$250,000 donation or with a real estate investment of \$400,000. A business investment of \$1.5 million can also qualify. There are government processing fees of \$50,000 for applicants and due diligence costs for background checks.

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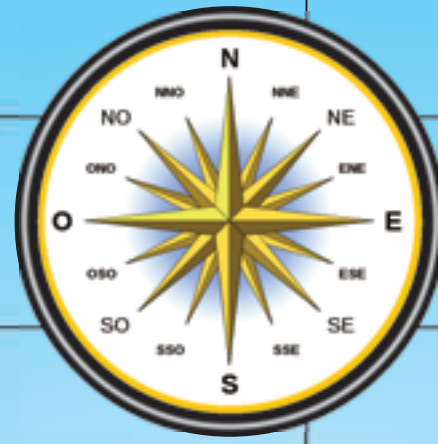
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Red Sox beat Tigers 6-5, level ALCS at 1-1

JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — David Ortiz revived the Red Sox with a tying grand slam in the eighth inning, then Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit a winning single in the ninth that sent Boston past the Detroit Tigers 6-5 Sunday night to even the AL championship series at 1-1.

The Tigers were cruising to their second straight win at Fenway Park, with starter Max Scherzer taking a no-hitter and a 5-0 lead into the sixth inning.

But with one swing, Ortiz changed everything. His two-out shot sent right fielder Torii Hunter jack-knifing into the Boston bullpen in a futile attempt to catch the ball, making it 5-5.

"That's what he does. He's an amazing hitter," said Scherzer.



Boston Red Sox's Jarrod Saltalamacchia reacts after hitting the game winning single in the ninth inning during Game 2 of the American League baseball championship series against the Detroit Tigers Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013, in Boston.

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Washington Redskins football team owner Daniel Snyder, left, and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, right, talk during a break in the NFL fall meeting in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013.

Associated Press

SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) -- NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said he believes Washington owner Daniel Snyder is "way down the road" in consideration of whether the team should change its nickname. Goodell got a question

Sunday about the latest debate over the name during a question-and-answer session with Dallas season ticket-holders before the Cowboys' game against the Redskins. The commissioner repeated what he said during the owners' meetings last week - that he grew up

Goodell confident Snyder weighing Redskins debate

in Washington and considered everything about the name to be something that honored the tradition of Native Americans. "But I think we also have to be sensitive enough to at least listen and try to see what it is we can do if we're insulting any element of our fan base, or non-fan base for that matter," Goodell said. "I think Dan Snyder is way down the road on doing that. I'm confident he's listening. I'm confident he feels strongly about the name but also wants to do the right thing." The Redskins were playing for the first time since President Barack Obama reignited the debate by say-

ing he would "think about changing" the name if he were the team's owner. Congressman Tom Cole - a Republican - has called it "offensive." The Oneida Indian Nation, which said it was running a radio advertisement in the Dallas market to protest the name Sunday, is also planning to meet with NFL representatives over the issue. The ad is part of a campaign slated to air in cities where the Redskins play this season. A small group of protesters gathered near the stadium hours before kickoff, carrying signs that read "Stop Perpetuating Racism" and "Redskins (equals) 81 years racism." "I'm glad the

president took a stand," said Yolanda Blue Horse of Dallas, a member of the Lakota Nation. "If Dan Snyder wanted to honor Native Americans, there's better ways to do that, rather than Redskins." One of the protesters, Juan Mancias, drove from his home in the San Antonio area with flag of the American Indian Movement, which began in 1968. He said he protested a Cowboys-Redskins game at Texas Stadium in 1997. Jack Flack, a Redskins fan from Washington who attended the game with friends, said he would change the name to Washington Senators. □

Michael Waltrip Racing cutting to 2 full teams

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) -- Michael Waltrip Racing will run only two full-time cars next season because of the loss of sponsor NAPA, part of the fallout from its attempts to manipulate a race to get Martin Truex Jr. into the Chase.

Truex, crew chief Chad Johnston and 15 percent of the workforce were notified Monday they are free to negotiate with other teams.

Team co-owner Rob Kauffman said the cuts were across the organization and not limited to Truex's team.

The car Truex drives will be repurposed into a research and development team next season. It will run a partial schedule beginning with the Daytona 500 with team co-owner Michael Waltrip behind the wheel depending on sponsorship,

Waltrip said.

"Today was about doing what we had to do, not what we wanted to do," Kauffman said. "It was important to let those whose jobs were affected know as early as possible, and a majority of those will remain with MWR through the end of the season."

Truex has been talking to Furniture Row Racing about the seat being vacated by Kurt Busch. MWR is undecided if it will use Truex's No. 56 on the third car next season, and how many races the car enters will be based on sponsorship.

Also, Ty Norris' title position will change from general manager of MWR to executive director for business development.

Norris has been on indefinite suspension from NASCAR for his role in the Richmond scandal.

"He will no longer be involved in competition and

no longer be a spotter, and will focus strictly on the commercial side of the business," Kauffman said.

"He's good at that and that's the skill set that's most helpful for the company. We have other folks on the competition side."

The meetings between Kauffman and Waltrip and their employees Monday were interrupted when driver Brian Vickers informed the owners that a blood clot had been found in his right calf. He was placed on blood-thinning medication that will prevent him from finishing the season in the No. 55 Toyota.

The team had previously planned to use co-owner Waltrip in this week's race at Talladega, and said it will decide later on its driver for the remaining four races.

Vickers was scheduled to participate in a Monday test at Charlotte Motor Speedway, but MWR had



This May 3, 2013 file photo shows driver Michael Waltrip talking with other drivers during practice for Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Ala.

Brett Moffitt ready to drive. It made for a dizzying and difficult day for MWR, which has been fighting for its survival since the Sept. 7 race at Richmond.

"We are taking the challenges we are faced with and trying to use them as a way to get better, and when you have to let some folks go and change direc-

tion, that upsets the apple cart and you feel for those folks," Waltrip said. "And then when Brian walks in this morning and tells you he has a health issue and the doctors won't let him race a car, I'm a race car driver and I just can't imagine a man at the prime of his career having to be faced with those challenges. □"

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Ducks blast Senators 4-1 with club-record 56 shots

ANAHEIM, California (AP)

— Corey Perry scored two goals and Jonas Hiller made 30 saves as the Anaheim Ducks beat Bobby Ryan and the Ottawa Senators 4-1 Sunday for their fourth straight victory.

NHL Capsules

Captain Ryan Getzlaf and Nick Bonino also scored for the Ducks, who were Mighty again on a throwback night celebrating the 20th anniversary of the franchise's 1993 debut. The Ducks wore their original eggplant-and-teal jerseys while racking up a franchise-record 56 shots against the Senators, who lost their fourth straight.

Ryan scored his 150th career goal amid boos from the sellout crowd in his first game back in Anaheim since the Ducks traded the high-scoring forward last summer.

Anaheim surpassed its previous club record of 54 shots, set in March 2009 against Edmonton. Ottawa also set a franchise record for shots allowed, surpassing the 51 shots yielded twice before.

Hiller improved to 3-0 with several outstanding saves while wearing a throwback mask painted with the Ducks' old logo and a cartoon version of Wild Wing, the Ducks' mascot.



Anaheim Ducks center Nick Bonino, right, fires to get a shot in on Ottawa Senators goalie Robin Lehner, of Sweden, during the first period of their NHL hockey game, Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013, in Anaheim, Calif.

Associated Press

KINGS 3, PANTHERS 0

SUNRISE, Florida (AP) — Ben Scrivens made 20 saves for his third career shutout, leading Los Angeles to its third consecutive win.

Jordan Nolan had a goal and an assist. Justin Williams and Daniel Carcillo also scored for the Kings. Scrivens, acquired in a trade with Toronto in June, made his first start of the

season. Regular goalie Jonathan Quick rested while Scrivens recorded his first shutout since a 3-0 victory for the Maple Leafs at Florida on Feb. 18.

Jacob Markstrom had 26 saves for Florida, which has lost four of its past five games.

JETS 3, DEVILS 0

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Al Montoya made 24

saves for his fourth NHL shutout as Evander Kane scored twice for Winnipeg. The Jets snapped a three-game losing streak to improve to 3-3-0.

Kane opened the scoring early in the second period, carrying the puck the length of the ice and banking it off Devils defenseman Andy Greene's leg and past goalie Cory

Schneider. The goal came after New Jersey (0-3-3) failed to score on a two-man advantage.

Kane added an empty-net goal with 57 seconds remaining for his third of the season, and Andrew Ladd beat Schneider 20 seconds later.

Montoya was making his first start of the season.

COYOTES 5, HURRICANES 3

RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP)

— Rob Klinkhammer scored his second goal of the game 22 seconds into the third period to help Phoenix get the victory. Shane Doan, Mikkel Boedker and Lauri Korpikoski had Phoenix's other goals. Mike Smith made 31 saves for the Coyotes, who closed a five-game road trip by winning the final three.

Eric Staal, Riley Nash and Jeff Skinner scored for the Hurricanes.

Cam Ward made nine saves after coming on with 10:08 left in the second period to replace starter Anton Khudobin. Khudobin suffered a lower-body injury when he skated out to play the puck.

Ward allowed three of Phoenix's goals.

In other NHL games it was Phoenix 5, Carolina 3; Los Angeles 3, Florida 0; Winnipeg 3, New Jersey 0; and Anaheim 4, Ottawa 1. □

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"He's an amazing postseason hitter. He's clutch. Any given moment, a swing of the bat he can always take you deep."

Saltalamacchia's single came after a series of Tigers misplays in the ninth. A wild throw,

a wild pitch and a missed catch by first baseman Prince Fielder on a foul ball set up the game-ending hit.

"It's playoff baseball," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "Looked like we had one in hand and we let one get away, there's no question about that. But there have been two great games."

The teams head to Detroit for Game 3 on Tuesday. Justin Verlander will face Boston's John Lackey.

A day after Anibal Sanchez and the Detroit staff combined on a one-hitter for a 1-0 win, Scherzer excelled.

He fanned 13 while allowing two hits in seven innings, and was pulled after 108 pitches.

"It's playoff baseball," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "Looked like we had one in hand and we let one get away, there's no question about that. But there have been two great games."

Miguel Cabrera and Alex Avila homered off Clay Buchholz in Detroit's four-run sixth inning.

Boston scored once in the bottom of the sixth and



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz, right, celebrates his grand slam home run with Dustin Pedroia during Game 2 of the American League baseball championship series Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013, in Boston.

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then loaded the bases against three relievers in the eighth before closer Joaquin Benoit came in to face Ortiz.

On his first pitch, Ortiz hit a line drive into the glove of the Red Sox bullpen catcher, with Hunter flopping headfirst over the chest-high wall in pursuit.

The fans waited until the trainers verified that Hunter was OK to start chanting, "Papi!" and call the Red Sox slugger out of the dugout for a curtain call.

It was the first career postseason grand slam for Ortiz, a star of the 2004 playoff run that ended in Boston's first World Series title in 86 years.

Koji Uehara pitched a perfect ninth for the win. Rick Porcello took the loss. □

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Timbers down rival Sounders 1-0 in MLS

ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)

— Kalif Alhassan scored late in the first half as the Portland Timbers held on for a 1-0 victory over Seattle on Sunday, denying the Sounders a chance to clinch a Major League Soccer playoff berth.

The Timbers moved into first place in the MLS Western Conference, moving closer to the playoffs with two games left. Portland has not lost in six straight matches, and hasn't lost at home in 14 straight.

The Sounders dropped into third place in the conference standings.

Seattle and United States captain Clint Dempsey appeared to injure his shoulder in the first half and twice went to the sidelines to seek treatment. But he returned for the second half. □



Portland Timbers' Kalif Alhassan (11) drives against Seattle's Adam Moffat (26) during the first half of an MLS Soccer game in Portland, Ore., Sunday Oct. 13, 2013.

Associated Press

Franchitti has 2nd surgery on broken right ankle

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)

— Three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dario Franchitti has undergone another operation on his broken right ankle.

It's the second surgery on his ankle since Franchitti was injured in an Oct. 6 accident on the last lap of the Grand Prix of Houston. He also fractured two vertebrae and suffered a concussion.

IndyCar orthopedic consultant Dr. Terry Trammel said Monday's surgery lasted just over three hours and was to repair the talus bone in Franchitti's ankle. The talus bone connects the leg and the foot.

The surgery was performed by Dr. Tim Weber, who told Trammel the post-operation X-rays looked good. □



In this photo provided by Team Chip Ganassi Racing, IndyCar driver Dario Franchitti, of Scotland, poses with his dogs, Shug and Buttermilk, in a photo taken by his brother, Marino Franchitti, at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center in Houston, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013.

Associated Press

Eyeing return next week, Vonn arrives in Austria

ANDREW DAMPF

AP Sports Writer

Lindsey Vonn is about to start training in Europe as she prepares for a possible return from right knee surgery at next week's World Cup opener.

U.S. Ski Team women's head coach Alex Hoedlmoser told The Associated Press that Vonn was set to arrive in Soelden, Austria on Monday and planned to train on snow beginning Tuesday.

The opening race of the season is the giant slalom in Soelden, Austria, on Oct. 26.

"If she feels like she can podium then she's probably going to (race)," Hoedlmoser said by phone from Austria.

"But if not, if she doesn't feel like she's 100 percent, we're going to give her those weeks off until the U.S. races (on Thanksgiving weekend)."

The coach added that it's "totally a day-by-day decision."

Vonn shredded her anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments in a crash at the world championships in Schladming, Austria, last February. The original timetable didn't even have the reigning Olympic downhill champion in ski boots until November, but when the U.S. team traveled to Portillo, Chile for its training camp in August, Vonn was there.

"We're going to contin-



United States team player Tiger Woods, right, smiles with girlfriend Lindsey Vonn after U.S. won the Presidents Cup golf tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, in Dublin, Ohio.

Associated Press

ue on where we left off in Chile and see how things go," Hoedlmoser said. "Everything started out pretty promising. We just got to go into this training block and see how she's doing."

Vonn said earlier this month that starting in Soelden was "definitely a possibility," adding, "I have to get over there and see how I feel." Vonn's best events are downhill and super-G, however, and giant slalom would represent a major test for her surgically repaired leg.

But Hoedlmoser was impressed with he saw in Portillo.

"You do an on-snow progression with injured athletes and you see how much you can push that," he said. "By the end of the camp she was skiing super-G and GS like nothing really happened."

Vonn said her knee held

up perfectly in Chile, with no pain or swelling. And even though she missed the team's technical camp in New Zealand in August, Hoedlmoser said she has the experience to overcome the lack of miles.

"It's not really race prep we're going with her," he said.

"We're just continuing on with the progression and then we'll see where she's at."

Meanwhile, now Hoedlmoser has to recuperate from injury, too.

He broke his foot in a fall on a flight of stairs in his home. "Better it's me than the athletes," the coach said, adding that he'll still be joining Vonn and teammate Mikaela Shiffrin on the slopes later this week — on one ski.

"We've got to be out there," Hoedlmoser said. "There's no other way." □

AP NewsBreak: World doping agency to probe Jamaica

JOHN LEICESTER
AP Sports Columnist

A year after Usain Bolt made history at the London Olympics and declared himself "a living legend," a bombshell dropped largely unnoticed in The Gleaner, the Caribbean's oldest newspaper: A former director of the Jamaica Anti-Doping Commission alleged the island didn't drug-test its athletes for entire months before they dazzled at the Summer Games.

Statistics compiled by former JADCO Executive Director Renee Anne Shirley indicated a near-complete breakdown in the agency's out-of-competition testing from January 2012 to the July opening of the Olympics.

In an interview with The Associated Press, JADCO chairman Herbert Elliott dismissed Shirley's figures as lies and described her as "a bit demented" and "a Judas."

But the World Anti-Doping Agency confirmed to AP that there was, as Shirley asserted, "a significant gap of no testing" by JADCO as athletes trained for London — and that it would launch an "extraordinary" audit of the Jamaican agency.

What's more, International Olympic Committee medical chiefs, WADA and Britain's anti-doping agency, which also worked on London's massive drug-testing program, told the AP that they were kept in the dark about Jamaican testing lapses that Shirley exposed in her August letter to The Gleaner.

"There was a period of ... maybe five to six months during the beginning part of 2012 where there was no effective operation," WADA Director General David Howman said in an interview. "No testing. There might have been one or two, but there was no testing. So we were worried about it, obviously."

Jamaican stars didn't go completely untested before London. Track and field's governing body, the IAAF, says it extensively tested elite Jamaicans, in-

cluding Bolt more than 12 times last year. History's fastest human has never failed a drug test.

Jamaica won eight of 12 individual sprint medals in London. Bolt became the first man to win both the 100 and 200 meters at

"a high priority. ... They're on our radar."

WADA is unhappy Jamaica hasn't agreed to a swift inspection. Elliott said JADCO couldn't accommodate the auditors when WADA wanted and isn't expecting the visit before

and Patrick Schamasch, who retired as IOC medical director after London, said they weren't told of the testing gap. They said they could have ordered additional tests on Jamaica's team had they known.

"For certain, we weren't in-

earlier, "you'd expect it," he said.

"We had no knowledge of anything that was down there until we heard from her."

Elliott, the JADCO chairman, bristles at the mention of Shirley's name.

"Ms. Shirley has done this country and herself a great deal of harm by saying things that are not totally in keeping with the truth," he said in a phone interview.

JADCO's and Shirley's overall testing figures for 2012 actually agree. Both say JADCO did a total of 179 tests — 108 in competition and 71 out of competition. But Shirley gave month-by-month figures, and JADCO didn't.

Pressed by AP, Elliott said: "Maybe I'll have the figures tomorrow."

But 24 hours later, Elliott didn't answer repeated calls or respond to a text message. Without those figures, AP could not verify his assertion that Shirley's statistics were wrong.

"Not all of them are lies. I mean, you know, she has exaggerated," he said.

Shirley's breakdown showed the bulk of out-of-competition tests — 60 of the 71 — were done only after London — after she took over at JADCO in July 2012. In Sports Illustrated, she described finding the agency woefully understaffed.

Elliott told AP "there was no money in the coffers" when he became JADCO chairman in February 2012, and 400 of its test kits were outdated and unusable. He said JADCO borrowed kits from other Caribbean nations and from "people in Florida who we know."

The main obstacle to out-of-competition testing, he said, was that "most of our athletes were off the island. We had them overseas preparing for the Olympics."

"Therefore we asked IAAF ... to test them overseas out of competition. All right? And they did," he said.

He also said: "We've done tests WADA doesn't know about." He didn't provide details. □



In this Feb. 5, 2010 file photo, a laboratory technician prepares samples of urine for doping tests during a media open day, at the King's College London Drug Control Centre, London.

Associated Press

consecutive games and anchored Jamaica's relay victory in world-record time.

It isn't possible to judge with any certainty whether the gaps in Jamaica's testing opened a door to cheating, particularly because other agencies refuse to say how many tests were conducted on the Jamaicans in 2012.

The revelations by Shirley, however, were alarming enough to prompt action. While WADA has audited Jamaica's testing regime before, Howman said its new action is a direct response to the problems Shirley exposed and to positive doping tests this year for five athletes who competed for Jamaica in London.

They include former world 100 record holder Asafa Powell and Sherone Simpson, an Olympic 4x100-relay gold and silver medalist.

"It's an extraordinary visit," Howman said. Jamaica is

the end of the year.

Shirley said JADCO conducted 96 tests in competition in 2012 before the Olympics, all in May and June at an invitational meet and the national trials. But away from the competitive events, there was no Jamaican testing for five of the seven months before the London Games, she said.

After 10 tests in February and one in April, JADCO's out-of-competition program stopped, according to Shirley's figures. She later gave the same figures to Sports Illustrated, where they generated more attention than her letter to The Gleaner.

"It irritated me as a Jamaican: one test out of competition, for what, five months or four months?" Shirley said in a telephone interview. "Given that it was an Olympic year, I felt that more could have been done."

IOC medical commission Chairman Arne Ljungqvist

formed of anything about Jamaica," Schamasch said. "Had we been told that JADCO wasn't able to test beforehand, we possibly could have readjusted our aim a little bit."

Ljungqvist said: "Jamaica is far from being alone, you know? We know that out-of-competition testing in the proper way is not being conducted unfortunately in many parts of the world. One shouldn't single out Jamaica."

But Jamaica isn't just any country. Led by Bolt, it dethroned the U.S. as the dominant sprinting power at the last two Olympics.

"It's almost abnormal, OK? Let's face it. For a country of less than 3 million people," Shirley said.

"What, you're saying there's something peculiar in the water in Jamaica?" Howman told the AP that WADA learned only after London — from Shirley — of the testing voids. Although JADCO was under no obligation to inform anyone

Microsoft's phone update to feature driving mode

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Microsoft is updating its Windows software for cellphones to accommodate larger devices and make it easier for motorists to reduce distractions while driving. It's the third update to Windows Phone 8 software since the system's release a year ago. Devices with this update will start appearing in the coming weeks, and older phones

will be eligible for a free upgrade, too.

Something that may appeal to motorists: a new Driving Mode will automatically silence incoming calls and texts so that you can focus on the road. You also can configure the feature to automatically send out a reply to say that you're driving.

It can be activated automatically when the phone is linked wirelessly with a Bluetooth device in the

car, such as a headset. Apple has a Do Not Disturb feature for iPhones, but that needs to be turned on manually.

What the Driving Mode won't do, however, is block outgoing calls or texts. And there will be ways to override it. The feature won't stop a teenager from texting while driving, but it will help reduce distractions for those who want that, says Greg Sullivan, director for Microsoft's Windows



Greg Sullivan, director for Microsoft Windows phone, shows a Nokia phone with new software during an interview on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013. Microsoft is updating its Windows software for cellphones to accommodate larger devices and make it easier for motorists to reduce distractions while driving. Associated Press

Ford, University of Michigan open new battery lab



In this Oct. 10, 2013 photo provided by the University of Michigan, a constructed battery cell is shown in the Phoenix Memorial Laboratory, on the University of Michigan campus, in Ann Arbor, Mich. Associated Press

DEE-ANN DURBIN

AP Auto Writer

ANN ARBOR, Michigan

(AP) — Ford Motor Co. and the University of Michigan are opening a new battery research and manufacturing lab that they hope will speed the development of batteries for electric and hybrid cars. The center, on the university's campus in Ann Arbor, will bring together battery makers, car companies and researchers who will test new batteries for prototype vehicles. Ted Miller, who manages battery research at Ford, said the lab will be unique in the U.S. He said that labs currently testing new battery chemistries can't produce them in the amounts or formats needed for automotive research. And

battery companies aren't always sure that what they're developing could be useful to the automotive industry.

Ford and other automakers all have labs where they test batteries for durability and quality, Miller said. But that's happening very late in the battery development process. The new lab could ensure that automakers' input is heard earlier. Electric cars have been slow sellers, making up less than 1 percent of U.S. auto sales last year. Gas-electric hybrids and plug-in hybrids — which can go further on electricity — sell in larger numbers, but still make up just 3 percent of sales. That's partly because the batteries in those cars can add thousands of dollars

to their price tags. Battery costs are expected to fall over the next decade, as new materials are discovered and production increases. The new lab could accelerate that.

"There's a lot of hunger for this," Miller told media last week at Ford's battery research facility near its headquarters in Dearborn. He said the lab should be able to start making batteries early next year.

The \$8 million center received a \$5 million grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corp., a public-private agency, and \$900,000 from the university. Ford contributed \$2.1 million, but Miller said other automakers have already asked about doing research there. □

Phone business.

The new update also will allow for better resolution to accommodate larger phones. Currently, the system supports a maximum resolution of 1280 pixels by 768 pixels, which is adequate for phones with screens no larger than 5 inches on the diagonal. But video and image quality degrades when stretched out on larger phones, such as a 6.3-inch (16-centimeter) Android phone from Samsung Electronics Co. The layout for larger phones also will change. Phones may now sport a third column of tiles, for instance. Contact lists and other features will be able to fit in more information. That's a contrast to Android, where text and images simply get bigger with larger screens, without actually fitting in more content.

Microsoft's Windows Phone software holds a distant third place behind Apple's iOS and Google's Android, with a worldwide market share of 3.7 percent in the second quarter, according to research firm IDC. But shipments of Windows

Phone devices grew 78 percent to 8.7 million in the April-to-June period, compared with the same time a year ago. The tile-based layout in Windows Phone is the inspiration for the Windows 8 software powering tablets and personal computers.

There are a few ways Microsoft Corp. will catch up to the iPhone and Android phones with the new update.

For the first time, Windows phones will have a rotation lock function, so that the screen won't switch back and forth between horizontal and vertical mode while you're curled up in bed. There also will be a central way to close open apps. Before, you had to go into each open app and press and hold the back button.

And Microsoft is launching a program to give app developers early access to the new software. Apple has had a similar program for the iOS software behind iPhones and iPads, while Google often has worked with selected developers on unreleased features. □

Debt ceiling talks push US stock markets higher

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AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks rose Monday, helped by signs that Washington was moving closer to a deal that would avert a default by the U.S. government. The stock market started the session broadly lower after negotiations between the White House and House Republicans broke down over the weekend. However, stocks erased those losses in early afternoon trading following news that President Barack Obama would meet with Congressional leaders.

The market extended those gains after Senate leaders in both parties said progress was being made.

Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid opened the Senate session Monday by saying he was "very optimistic we will reach an agreement this week that's reasonable in nature." The Republican Senate leader, Mitch McConnell, seconded Reid's view, saying there had been "a couple of very useful discussions." The Dow Jones industrial average added 64.15 points, or 0.4 percent, to close at 15,301.26. The index was down as much as 100 points earlier in the day. The Standard & Poor's 500

index rose 6.94 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,710.14. The Nasdaq composite rose 23.40 points, or 0.6 percent, to 3,815.27.

The United States will reach the limit of its borrowing authority Thursday, according to estimates from the Treasury Department. If the debt ceiling is not raised, investors fear the U.S. could default on its borrowings in the coming weeks.

Monday's modest gains follow a surge in the market last week on signs of progress between Congressional Republicans and the White House. The Dow jumped 323 points on Thursday, its biggest gain of the year, and rose another 111 points Friday.

Investors continue to express hope that a deal can be reached before the debt crisis causes any lasting damage. In the last few years, political deals over major budget disputes have gone down to the last minute. "We don't need some well-crafted, detailed deal," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist with Prudential Financial. "We just need to buy some time so they can keep negotiating."

The U.S. government remains partially shut down because House Republi-

cans want to attach conditions to a budget bill that would scale back the country's new health care law. President Obama is insisting that the govern-

said John Lynch, regional chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank, which manages \$170 billion in assets. "We're basically trading on the news at this

observance of Columbus Day. Due to the holiday, trading volume was lighter than normal at 2.6 billion shares.

Among stocks making big



Trader Jonathan Corpina works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks rose Monday, helped by signs that Washington was moving closer to a deal that would avert a default by the U.S. government.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

ment be reopened without strings attached. The partial shutdown is entering its third week.

Investors should brace for more volatility this week as long as the debt ceiling remains unresolved,

point," Lynch said.

Wall Street also has a busy week of corporate earnings to work through. Coca-Cola, Johnson & Johnson and Citigroup report their results Tuesday.

Bond trading is closed in

moves:

— Netflix rose \$23.51, or 8 percent, to \$324.36 after The Wall Street Journal reported that the video streaming service is in talks to offer its services to cable companies. □

A leaner New York Times focuses on global growth

CHRISTINE HAUGHNEY

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While some newspaper companies have spent recent years shifting their emphasis to other types of investments like television, The New York Times Co. has taken a different path. It has been selling off its peripheral assets and concentrating on its flagship newspaper and website.

When the sale of The Boston Globe closes this month, the company will have shed its last major outside holding and essentially stripped down to its central product - New York Times journalism. On Tuesday it will introduce The International New York Times, a central component of a



Jill Abramson, The New York Times' executive editor, in New York, June 2, 2011. After shedding outside holdings, the newspaper, on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013, will introduce The International New York Times and, later, new subscription, video and consumer initiatives.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

stepped-up global growth strategy.

The moves signal a major change for The Times, which has become smaller as it has sold off investments and trimmed staff. After the sale of the New England Media Group it will have about 3,500 employees, fewer than half the number it had two years ago and nearly a quarter of the company's size in 2002. When the deal closes, the company will be down nearly \$400 million in annual revenue from the nearly \$2 billion it posted in 2012.

The bigger shift for The Times has been from a paper that survived primarily on advertising to one relying on circulation and

consumer products. Many of the company's major initiatives involve shifting from a reliance on the advertising, which for so long was its lifeblood. The company has announced plans to introduce new subscription products, attract paying international readers and expand into video.

"If we can get the combination of the new products that we're doing and the international strategy to increase revenue, that could be of real significance," Mark Thompson, The Times Co.'s president and chief executive, said in a recent interview.

The plans vary from news-based products, like video, mobile apps and expand-

ed international coverage, to tangential revenue producers like one-day conferences and cruises featuring Times reporters as expert speakers.

Jill Abramson, the paper's executive editor, said she did not think the strategy had placed undue pressure on the newsroom staff and that it stood "a very good chance of success." "I feel that the newsroom is a reliable and good partner in trying to find new ways to expand our readership," Abramson said. "The strategy of The New York Times for as long as I have worked here is that quality journalism pays. I think that's been a very good basic strategy." □

Hankook to build \$800M plant in U.S.

ERIK SCHELZIG
Associated Press
CLARKSVILLE, Tennessee (AP) —

South Korean tire maker Hankook announced Monday that it will build its first North American plant in Tennessee, creating 1,800 jobs. Hankook, the world's seventh-largest tire maker, said it will build the \$800 million facility in Clarksville. Construction on the 1.5 million-square-foot (0.14 million sq. meter) facility is scheduled to begin by the end of next year, and it will begin making high-end performance tires by early 2016.

Seung Hwa Suh, Hankook's vice chairman and CEO, called the construction of the U.S. plant "the next natural phase for our continued growth." He told reporters that the decision to build the plant in Tennessee was the result of a year of discussions with state officials, and he cited the central location and existing auto industry as major factors. "Tennessee is the center of America," he said. "From a logistical point of view, this is a very good location for us to distribute tires to American consumers." Nissan, General Motors and Volkswagen have assembly plants in Tennessee, and more than 900 further automotive sector companies are active in the state. Ford, GM and Toyota build vehicles in neighboring Kentucky. "By supplying to major carmakers, our brand is getting better known in America," Suh said. The company supplies Ford, GM, Chrysler, Volkswagen, Toyota, Nissan, Honda, along with Korean automakers Hyundai and Kia. Clarksville is also home to a steel cord plant for Japanese tire maker Bridgestone, which has its Americas headquarters in Nashville. The state offered \$72 million in incentives to improve infrastructure, training and a cultural program to help Korean families integrate into the community. Local governments approved another package worth \$50 million. □

Peugeot falls on possibility of capital deal

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PARIS - Shares of PSA Peugeot Citroën tumbled Monday as investors anticipated that the struggling French automaker was closing in on a deal to raise fresh capital that would dilute the value of its stock. There has been speculation since early summer that Peugeot, the second-largest European automaker after Volkswagen, was seeking a tie-up with Dongfeng Motor Group, a state-owned Chinese company with which Peugeot jointly assembles vehicles in China. Expectations were heightened by a Reuters report over the weekend that said Peugeot had drafted a plan to raise 3 billion euros, or about \$4.1 billion, of new capital.

According to Reuters, which did not identify its sources, Dongfeng and the French government may each inject 1.5 billion euros of capital into Peugeot in return for stakes of 20 to 30 percent each. A separate report last week from China Business News said Dongfeng was prepared to pay about \$1.6 billion for 30 percent of Peugeot. Peugeot's stock closed 9 percent lower in Paris on Monday as investors wagered that the shares they now held would lose much of their value if diluted by the new capital. Peugeot

has a market value of about 4 billion euros. Even after the decline Monday, the shares are up 104 percent this year because of hopes for a turnaround.

"It's no mystery that Peugeot is looking for industrial partners," Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici told France Inter radio Monday, adding that the

reports. She cited a company statement Monday that said management was "examining industrial and commercial developments with different partners, including the financial implications that would result from them." "None of these projects has reached maturity yet," she added. Peugeot has been hurt by

If the capital tie-up is realized, Dongfeng, one of China's largest automakers, would gain access to Peugeot's technology and European distribution network. The Chinese company has said that it is studying a possible investment in its French partner.

Peugeot directors are to discuss the company's finances at a board meeting Oct. 22, a day before the company releases its third-quarter financial results. But building a new shareholding and management structure would be a complex task. A deal of the magnitude that appears to be under discussion would require the Peugeot family, which holds just more than 25 percent of the automaker's shares and about 38 percent of the voting rights, to give up control of the company.

Such a deal would also require the acquiescence of General Motors. The U.S. automaker became Peugeot's second-largest shareholder in February 2012, paying about 1 billion euros for a 7 percent stake. The two companies have agreed to cooperate on a number of projects intended to cut their costs in Europe. GM, which is restructuring its own unprofitable European operations, has said it has no interest in increasing its investment in Peugeot. □



The Peugeot Onyx concept car is on display during the second press day of the 65th Frankfurt Auto Show in Frankfurt, Germany, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013. More than 1,000 exhibitors will show their products to the public from Sept. 12 through Sept. 22, 2013. (AP Photo/Frank Augstein)

company was not facing immediate financial difficulties. Asked about reports that representatives of the French government had accompanied Peugeot executives on a delegation to China to smooth the way for a deal, Moscovici replied: "We are completely invested in the fate of this company." Cécile Damide, a Peugeot spokeswoman, declined to comment on the latest

its heavy reliance on the European market, where sales shrank 5.2 percent in the first eight months of 2013 from the same period last year, reaching the lowest level in decades. The company has been cutting jobs and reducing capacity in Europe to slow its cash burn, but analysts say it needs to grow outside of its home market if it is to achieve the kind of scale it needs to flourish.

Oil rises on hopes for government debt deal

The Associated Press

The price of oil rose slightly Monday amid alternating hope and uncertainty about the looming deadline for U.S. lawmakers to reach an agreement over the government's borrowing limit and shutdown. Benchmark crude for November delivery rose 39 cents to close at \$102.41 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, the benchmark used to price international crudes used by many U.S. refineries, was down 24 cents to \$111.04 per barrel. The price of oil "continues to gyrate around speculation and rumor regarding

the shutdown of the U.S. government," wrote energy analyst Stephen Schork in a report.

The price has swung back and forth for days as lawmakers try to resolve an impasse that left the government partially closed and the markets worried about the U.S. defaulting on its debt for the first time. The United States will reach the limit of its borrowing authority on Thursday, according to estimates from the Treasury Department. The decline in U.S. retail gasoline prices that has lasted for six weeks has all but stopped.

The national average fell

less than a penny Monday to \$3.34 per gallon after spending all of last week at \$3.35 per gallon. The average is 20 cents cheaper than it was a month ago, and 45 cents below last year at this time.

Gasoline prices have fallen because supplies are ample and demand is tepid. They haven't slid further because oil prices remain relatively high, thanks to strong global demand for crude, especially in China. Some traders expect the price of oil to fall soon, however, because supplies appear to be plentiful. In its latest quarterly oil market report, the Inter-

national Energy Agency predicted strong growth in non-OPEC supplies of crude oil, easily outpacing demand growth next year. The Paris-based IEA also said Friday that the United States would overtake Russia next year as the largest non-OPEC producer of liquid fuels.

In other energy futures trading on Nymex:

— Wholesale gasoline remained unchanged to close at \$2.67 a gallon.

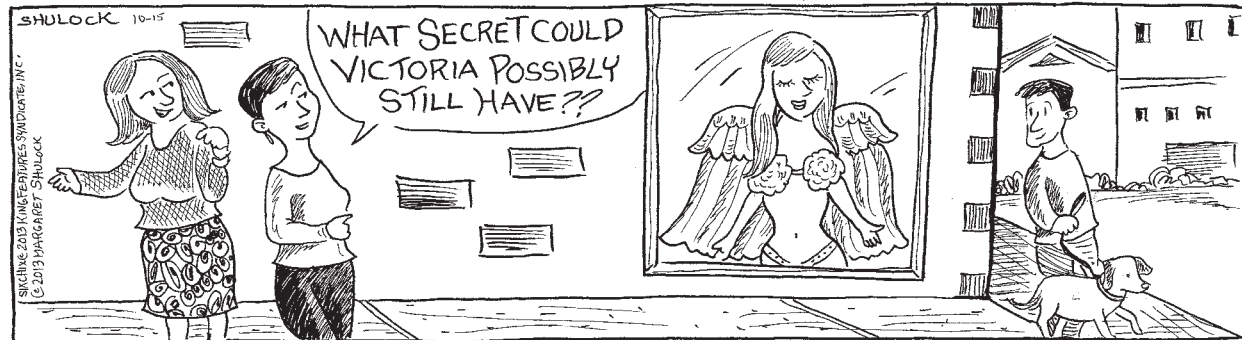
— Natural gas rose 4 cents to close at \$3.82 per 1,000 cubic feet.

— Heating oil fell less than a penny to close at \$3.03 a gallon. □

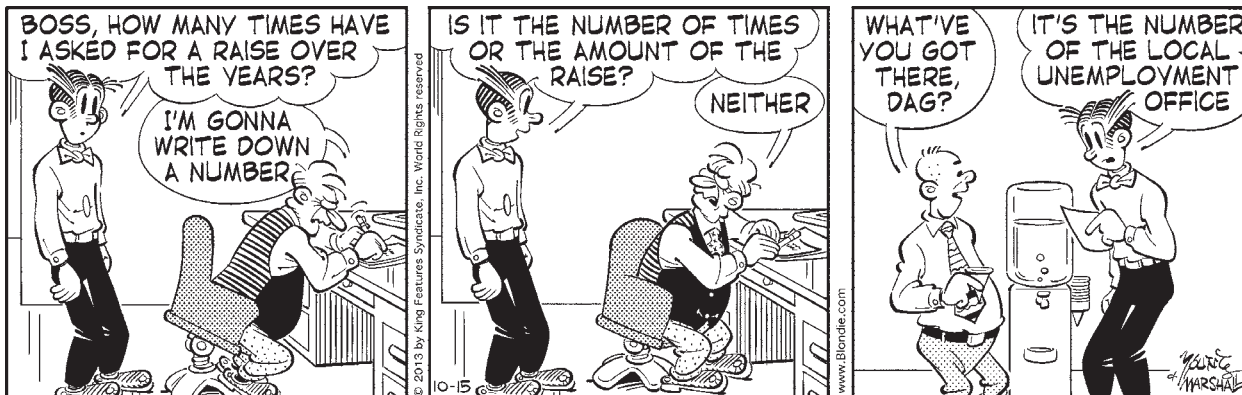
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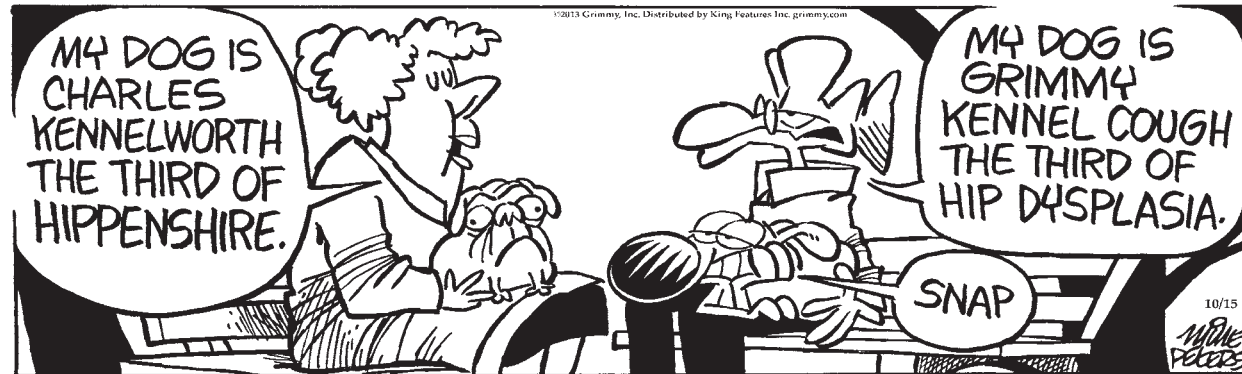
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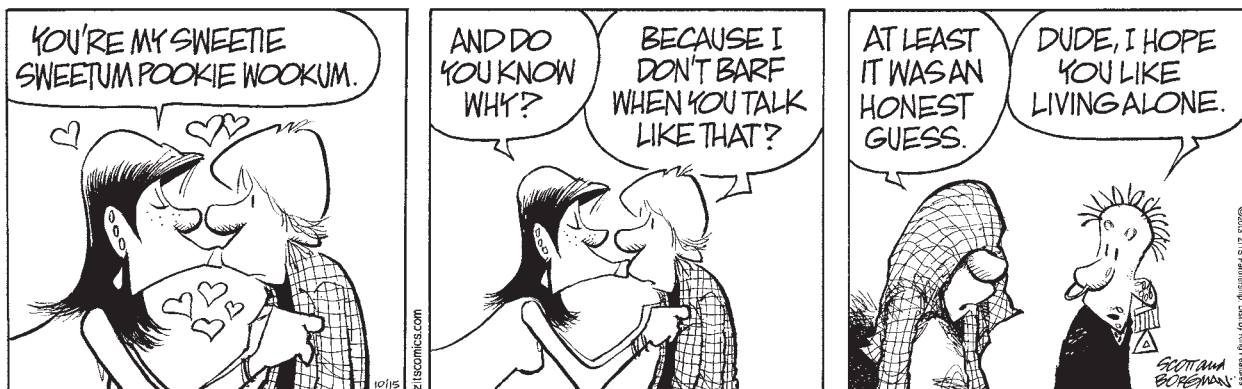
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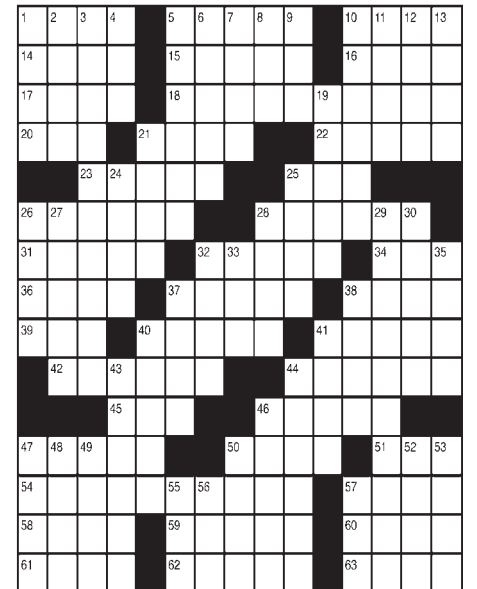
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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1	2	8	6	4	5	3	7	9
6	3	9	1	2	7	5	4	8

ACROSS

- Up in __; irate
- "Get lost!"
- Piece of office furniture
- Tidy
- Give a speech
- Wheel rod
- __ a one; none
- Surprising disclosure
- Jacuzzi
- Cottonwood or cedar
- Catchers' gloves
- Cone topper
- "Diddle, diddle, dumpling, my __ John..."
- Shun
- Mix with others, as at a party
- Plant pest
- "__ Low, Sweet Chariot"
- Peeve
- Speaker's platform
- Gong's sound
- Lowly laborer
- Break a commandment
- Sliver of glass
- On the __; free
- Oslo's nation
- Baby's sock
- Give help to
- Syrup flavor
- Undress
- Manufactured
- Major network
- Trailblazing
- Icy precipitation
- Doing nothing
- Italy's most famous poet
- 5 __ 15 is 3
- Have to have
- Make a smudge worse
- __ on; trample



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- Bancroft and Jillian
- "As ye sow, so shall ye __"
- Mai tai garnish
- Home for swine
- Grief
- Crawl slowly
- __ about; sing the praises of
- Consumed
- Tillis or Tormé
- Going out with
- Way out
- __ machine; casino staple
- Mattel's boy dolls
- Surrounded by
- Three-__ sloth
- Greek letters
- Croon
- Actor George
- Madrid's nation
- Follow orders
- Police officer's title, perhaps
- Jagged
- Kill
- Armed conflict
- Leg joint
- Actor Everett
- Place to swim

- Steal
- Remain optimistic
- __ cats and dogs; poured
- Harass persistently
- __ ray; devilfish
- Whirl around
- Popular detergent
- Actor's part
- Dig for ore
- Use the teeth
- Clippety-__
- Ames & Asner
- Ewe's mate
- __ and hers

Personal Health:

The Tests That Babies Need

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Fifty years ago, a revolution began in neonatal care that has preserved the physical and mental health, and often the lives, of thousands of babies: screening of newborns for inherited and congenital disorders.

On Oct. 15, 1963, the first law requiring that all newborns be screened for phenylketonuria, or PKU, took effect in Massachusetts. PKU, an inherited

genital heart disease - can be detected by automated analysis of a few drops of dried blood from a heel stick done within a few days of birth.

Giana Swift, now a fifth grader in Los Angeles, benefited from newborn screening, as do more than 12,500 babies each year. The story of her birth was recounted in The Times. Through a pilot screening program, Giana was found to have an inherited metabolic disorder

dies it. Swift and Giana, who turns 11 on Saturday, are also "giving back by helping other children with worse problems through the March of Dimes and the Make-A-Wish Foundation," he said.

In the decades before Giana was born, the number and quality of newborn screening tests varied widely from state to state. In 2008, the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act was adopted, establishing national screening guidelines and financial help for every state to create a comprehensive screening program. The law, which also provides professional education, parental support and a check on laboratory reliability, is up for renewal. Conditions that can be detected through newborn screening include hormonal disorders like thyroid and adrenal abnormalities, blood disorders like sickle-cell anemia, severe immunodeficiencies, and dozens of enzyme disorders.

Each of these disorders is relatively rare, but the effect of widespread screening has proved to be economical as well as lifesaving, sparing countless children years of costly medical and educational care.

The short life of Kaylin Peters is a testament to the need for these programs. Kaylin was born last year in Syracuse, N.Y., with an initially undetected critical congenital heart disorder. The defect afflicts 18 in every 10,000 newborns.

Although Kaylin seemed normal at birth, a major heart defect was found weeks later when she failed to thrive, bled abnormally and began to turn blue. Despite surgery to repair the large hole in her heart, Kaylin died in December at age 9 months. Her mother, Krystal Peters, 31, is now working hard to make sure children with life-threatening heart defects are diagnosed before it's too late. □



The screening of newborns for inherited and congenital disorders like thyroid and adrenal abnormalities, blood disorders like sickle-cell anemia and severe immunodeficiencies has steadily increased.

(Yvetta Fedorova/The New York Times)

metabolic disorder, afflicts about one in 20,000 of the 4 million babies born each year in the United States. Children with PKU are missing an enzyme that converts the amino acid phenylalanine to tyrosine, and unless they remain on a special protein-restricted diet, the resulting buildup of phenylketone damages the brain and causes mental retardation and physical disabilities.

Today every state tests babies at birth for PKU - and not just that. There are now more than 50 disorders that can be picked up through screening, 31 of which comprise the "core conditions" of the government's Recommended Uniform Screening Panel. Other conditions are likely to be added to the panel. All but two of them - hearing loss and critical con-

called 3-MCC (3-methylcrotonyl-CoA carboxylase deficiency). It afflicts about 100 babies a year, rendering them unable to process the amino acid leucine. As with PKU, toxic byproducts of the unprocessed amino acid build up in the blood and damage the brain.

Because she was tested at birth, Giana thrived, first on a special leucine-free baby formula, then on a diet nearly free of protein. Her grateful father, David Swift, 44, recently described Giana as "very bright, precocious, happy and a top athlete."

"That test and the nurse who talked me into having it done saved my daughter's life," he told me.

Some protein is now being gradually introduced into Giana's diet to see how well her body han-

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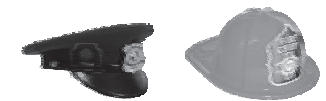


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Ancient bug's last supper of blood still in fossil

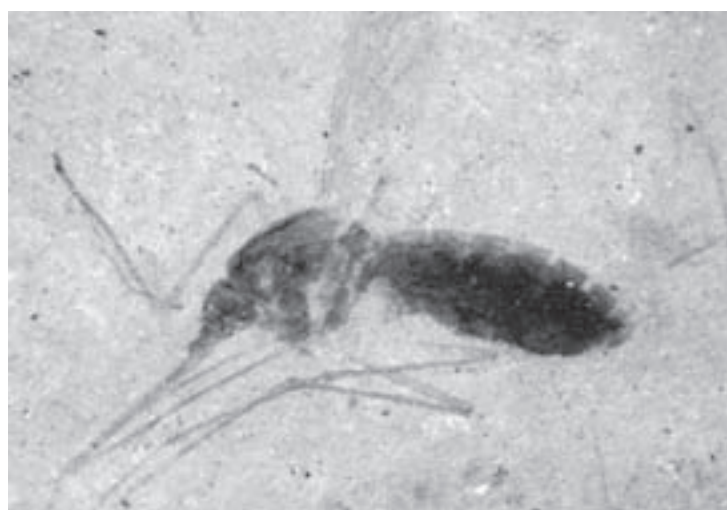
SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a steamy tropical forest 46 million years ago, a prehistoric mosquito bit a critter, drew blood and was blown into a lake in what is now the northwestern state of Montana. Belly full, she died and sank.

Flash forward to the present. Researchers found the minuscule female insect fossilized in a paper-thin piece of shale — which had sat in someone's basement for 25 to 30 years with other rocks — and concluded it still contains its last supper. A study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science reports a first for biology: a blood meal found intact in a fossil.

While the scenario sounds eerily similar to the Michael Crichton book and movie "Jurassic Park," no new T. rexes will result.

Unfortunately for would-be dinosaur cloners, the mosquito flew long after dinosaurs went extinct, and its meal was probably blood from a dino descendant, a bird. And an even bigger



This image provided by the Smithsonian Institution shows a fossilized female mosquito in a paper-thin piece of shale.

Associated Press

blow to the "Jurassic Park" scenario is that scientists have long known that DNA from other critters couldn't survive in insect fossils, said study lead author Dale Greenwalt, a retired biochemist who collects and analyzes insect fossils from Montana for the Smithsonian Institution.

So this is more a scientific curiosity, a look-what-we-found, that starts out like early chapters of the sci-fi thriller.

"It's following Crichton's script in that we're using

a blood engorged fossil mosquito and in this case we're using the direct descendent of the dinosaurs, given that we're 20 million years late," Greenwalt said.

Using two different types of light-refracting x-rays that determine what chemicals are present, Greenwalt and colleagues determined that the female mosquito's belly was full of iron, a major feature of blood that gets oxygen to the rest of the body. Iron levels were higher than

elsewhere in her body and anywhere on a non-biting male used as a control subject. Then the team found evidence of porphyrins, which are bound to iron in blood. Putting the two together makes "a definitive case" for blood, Greenwalt said.

Outside expert Mary Schweitzer of North Carolina State University said while the study is exciting and significant, it is preliminary and she thinks Greenwalt's team didn't prove their conclusion that it is blood by ruling out all other possibilities. □

Dispute over ancient gold tablet goes to U.S. court

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Associated Press

ALBANY, New York (AP)

— A dispute over an ancient gold tablet pitting a Holocaust survivor's heirs against the German museum that lost the Assyrian relic in World War II will be argued Tuesday in New York's highest court.

The 9.5-gram (.34-ounce) tablet, about the size of a credit card, was excavated a century ago by German archaeologists from the Ishtar Temple in what is now northern Iraq. It went on display in Berlin in 1934, was put in storage as the war began and later disappeared.

Riven Flamenbaum, who died in 2003, brought it to the U.S. after surviving the Auschwitz concentration camp and settling on Long Island. Family lore says he had traded two packs of cigarettes to a Russian soldier for the tablet after he was rescued from Auschwitz. "Part of the problem was that since the museum waited until after he died to make a claim, I have not heard testimony in court as to how he got it," said Steven Schlesinger, representing the estate. "Anything the heirs can say would have been hearsay."

Schlesinger said he believes Flamenbaum was trading Red Cross packages and anything else he could get for silver and gold.

The tablet now sits in a safe deposit box in New York. One recent estimate put its value at \$10 million, he said. The family wants to donate it to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, Schlesinger said.

The Court of Appeals

will decide whether the Vorderasiatisches Museum, part of the renowned Pergamon Museum, waited too long — more than 60 years — before trying to reclaim it. A judge on Long Island said it had unreasonably delayed, but a mid-level court last year ruled the other way.

"We established a superior right of possession and title," said Raymond Dowd, attorney for museum and its large collection of antiquities. The original judge erroneously thought the museum knew in 1954 the tablet was in New York and didn't pursue it, while the midlevel court concluded it didn't know until 2006, when its claim was pursued, he said.

According to court documents, the tablet dates to 1243 to 1207 B.C., during the reign of King Tukulti-Ninurta I of Assyria. Placed in the foundation of the temple of the fertility goddess, its 21 lines call on those who find the temple to honor the king's name. The tablet was excavated by German archaeologists from about 1908 to 1914 in what was then the Ottoman Empire, with Germany giving half the found antiquities to Istanbul, Dowd said. The modern state of Iraq has declined to claim it, he said.

In 1945, the Berlin museum's premises was overrun, with many items taken by Russia, others by German troops and some pilfered by people who took shelter in the museum, Dowd said. The museum director was not in a position to say who took it, only that it disappeared. □

Study ties chemical to possible miscarriage risk

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BOSTON (AP) — New research suggests that high levels of BPA, a chemical in many plastics and canned food linings, might raise the risk of miscarriage in women prone to that problem or having trouble getting pregnant.

The work is not nearly enough to prove a link, but it adds to "the biological plausibility" that BPA might affect fertility and other aspects of health, said Dr. Linda Giudice, a California biochemist who is president of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

The study was to be presented Monday at the group's annual conference in Boston. Last month, ASRM and an obstetricians



This Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012 file photo shows a sculpture made of empty water bottles in Burlington, Vt. New research presented by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine on Monday, Oct. 14, 2013 suggests that high levels of BPA, a chemical in many plastics and canned food linings, might raise the risk of miscarriage in women prone to that problem or having trouble getting pregnant.

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group urged more attention to environmental chemicals and their potential hazards for pregnant women.

BPA, short for bisphenol-A, and certain other environmental chemicals can

have very weak, hormone-like effects. Tests show BPA in nearly everyone's urine, though the chemical has been removed from baby bottles and many reusable drink containers in recent years. □

Labelle, Latifah honorees of Black Girls Rock!



This May 8, 2013 file photo shows singer and talk show host Queen Latifah at the New York City Ballet Spring Gala in New York.

Associated Press

JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.
Associated Press
ATLANTA (AP) — Patti La-

belle is a known diva and Queen Latifah does not consider herself one, but

both will be among those honored as part of the Black Girls Rock! awards show on BET.

Black Girls Rock! founder Beverly Bond announced the show's honorees in a statement on Monday. Other honorees include tennis champion Venus Williams, screenwriter-producer Mara Brock Akil, ballet dancer Misty Copeland, community organizer Ameena Matthews and children's rights advocate Marian Wright Edelman.

Actresses Tracee Ellis Ross and Regina King return as hosts of the ceremony, which will air Nov. 3. It will be taped later this month at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, New Jersey.

Black Girls Rock! is a non-profit organization that mentors young black girls and works to fight negative images of black women in the media. □

Liza Minnelli performs with broken wrist



In this March 1, 2013 file photo, U.S. singer Liza Minnelli performs at the Royal Festival Hall in London.

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The show went on for Liza Minnelli.

A spokesman for the 67-year-old entertainer said she performed Monday night with a broken wrist at a benefit concert in New York.

Minnelli broke her wrist in three places while rehearsing at home Sunday.

The "Cabaret" star performed with her sister, Lorna Luft. The event marked

their first performance together in 20 years since their duet at the 1993 Tony Awards.

Minnelli returned to the hospital for further treatment immediately after the performance at the jazz club Birdland benefiting the Women's Health Initiative and the Dr. Philomena McAndrew Fund of Tower Cancer Research Foundation. □

Agent: Cuban-American novelist Oscar Hijuelos dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Oscar Hijuelos, a Cuban-American novelist who won a Pulitzer Prize for his 1989 novel "The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love" and whose work often captured the losses and triumphs of the Cuban immigrant experience, has died. He was 62.

Hijuelos died of a heart attack in Manhattan on Saturday while playing tennis, according to his agent, Jennifer Lyons.

"The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love" became a best seller and earned him international acclaim. He won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1990, making him the first Hispanic writer to receive that honor.

The novel tells the story of two Cuban brothers who journey from Havana to New York to start an orchestra. At one point in the story, the brothers appear on the television comedy "I Love Lucy," which starred Lucille Ball and her Cuban bandleader husband, Desi Arnaz. The book was even-

tually turned into a movie starring Armand Assante and Antonio Banderas.

In his 2011 memoir, "Thoughts Without Cigarettes," Hijuelos wrote of how he struggled against being labeled an "ethnic" writer and noted that even today there are few other Latinos whose work, despite the considerable number of talented authors, has been awarded the same recognition.

After a trip with his mother to Cuba as a young child, he became ill with a kidney disease and was hospitalized for a year, during which he lost his Spanish-speaking ability, and never truly recovered it.

"For the longest time, all I would know was that I had gotten sick in Cuba, from Cuban microbes, that the illness had blossomed in the land of my forebears, the country where I had once been loved and whose language fell as music on my ears," Hijuelos wrote. "Of course, dis-



This Sept. 7, 2000 file photo shows author Oscar Hijuelos at a reception for the Hispanic Heritage Awards in Washington.

Associated Press

eases happen anywhere, and children get sick under any circumstances, but what I would hear for years afterward from my mother was that something Cuban had nearly killed me and, in the process of my healing,

would turn my own 'Cubanness' into air."

It was an experience of displacement and a never-ending inability to reach an identity he inherits that many Cubans of his generation could understand.

It also defined much of his development as a writer, as he initially hesitated to embrace his story and that of his family as a source of inspiration for his fictional characters — too ashamed to put them on paper, believing the world was indifferent to his tale.

Hijuelos was born and raised in New York City and enrolled in local community colleges where an array of early writing teachers — Susan Sontag, Donald Barthelme, and Frederic Tuten — encouraged him to continue to pursue his craft. He was also exposed to Cuban and Latin American writers including Jose Lezama Lima, Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Carlos Fuentes, whose work inspired him.

His other novels include "Our House in the Last World," "Empress of the Splendid Season," "Dark Dude," "The Fourteen Sisters of Emilio Montez O'Brien" and "A Simple Habana Melody." □



This Oct. 2, 2012 file photo originally released by Hard Rock shows TV personality Caroline Manzo at the 13th Annual Pinktober Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign at Hard Rock Cafe in New York.

Associated Press

Manzo leaving 'The Real Housewives of New Jersey'

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the original members of "The Real Housewives of New Jersey" has announced she's leaving the show after five seasons.

Caroline Manzo made the announcement Sunday on Twitter and on her blog on Bravo's website after "The Real Housewives of New Jersey" aired the final part of the show's reunion.

She says the reality show — known for its brawls, screaming and family fights — has become something she hopes her future grandchildren will never see.

Manzo wrote that she's filming a pilot spinoff called "Manzo'd With Children" that would give "a very different look" at her family.

An email to Bravo seeking comment wasn't immediately returned Monday. □

Strait, Jackson to salute Jones on CMA Awards

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) — George Strait and Alan Jackson will team up to pay tribute to George Jones at next month's Country Music Association Awards.



This April 7, 2013 file photo shows George Strait performing at the 48th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Strait and Alan Jones will team up to pay tribute to George Jones at next month's Country Music Association Awards.

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The CMA announced in a news release Monday that its two most-nominated singers will perform together to salute Jones, who died earlier this year at 81. Strait's appearance means all five entertainer-of-the-year nominees — Strait, Taylor Swift, Jason Aldean, Luke Bryan, and Blake Shelton — will be performing at the 47th annual awards, held Nov. 6 in Nashville. Shelton won the award last year. □

'The Bachelor' couple sets televised wedding date

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NEW YORK (AP) — Mark your calendars: Sean Lowe and Catherine Giudici of ABC's "The Bachelor" are getting married.

Their wedding ceremony will air live on ABC on Jan. 26. "The Bachelor: Sean and Catherine's Wedding" will be hosted by Chris Harrison.

Lowe was named the franchise's 17th bachelor after he was rejected by Emily Maynard on "The Bachelorette."

Other couples to marry from "The Bachelor" or "The Bachelorette" include Trista Rehn and Ryan Sutter,

Jason Mesnick and Molly Malaney, and Ashley Herbert and J.P. Rosenbaum.



This May 15, 2013 file photo shows TV personalities Sean Lowe, left, and Catherine Giudici from "The Bachelor," at the 2013 Maxim Hot 100 celebration in Los Angeles.

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"The Bachelor" returns in January with Juan Pablo Galavis looking to find his match from 25 eligible women. □

Hugh Jackman raises \$1.85M with birthday benefit



In this Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013 photo, Hugh Jackman, left, and Deborah-Lee Furness pose for photos at the Hugh Jackman One Night Only at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hugh Jackman threw himself a birthday party with 4,500 guests, but they had to pay to attend.

The actor spent his 45th birthday Saturday at Hollywood's Dolby Theatre, where he sang, danced and told stories for "One Night Only," a benefit concert that raised \$1.85 million for the Motion Picture & Television Fund.

"This is probably the most narcissistic way to spend your birthday," he said af-

ter the show. "I chose my favorite songs and told stories about my life."

Backed by a 17-member orchestra, Jackman performed a variation of his recent Broadway show, with personal stories, a few film clips and selections from classic Hollywood musicals — including a tap-dancing routine during "Singin' in the Rain." He talked about his family, sang a tribute to his wife and shared music and images of his native Australia.

"A lot of guys would say to their wife, 'Do you mind if I

go play golf with my buddies?' That's how I am about the show," Jackman said. "I love it. If there's a song I don't like, I cut it and bring in a new song. Everything is something I want to do. So to be here tonight, supporting this cause — and it couldn't have been a more generous crowd if it tried — in every way it was great."

Jackman said he donated his birthday performance to the Motion Picture & Television Fund because it offers "that unconditional helping hand you get in a family." The organization provides health care and other services to entertainment-industry workers and retirees. Cybill Shepherd, Bryan Singer, Darren Criss and songwriter Carole Bayer Sager were among the famous faces in the industry-heavy audience for the two-and-a-half-hour show, which ended with Jackman auctioning off an electric Fiat, a pair of Wolverine claws and two sweaty undershirts he wore during the night's performance. The shirts went for \$11,000 each. □

Gang Of 40



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In the 1970s, in its days of hard-line communist isolation, China was ruled by the extremist "Gang of Four." Drivers then were sometimes encouraged to proceed at red lights because red was the revolutionary color signifying advance - resulting in a chaos that was emblematic of the times.

In the United States, we always do things in a grand way, so it's a tribute to U.S. exceptionalism that we have far outperformed China in the field of extremist ideologues. We don't have some pathetic little foursome, but an unrivaled "Gang of 40." That's my name for the 40 hard-line Republican House members who have forced the shutdown of the federal government and are now flirting with a debt default that could spin the world into recession. In their purported effort to save America money, they're costing us taxpayers billions of dollars.

Obviously, there are differences - our Gang of 40 disdain Mao suits - but there is a similar sense in which an entire nation is held hostage by a small group of unrepresentative figures who don't have much of a clue about economics or about where they're taking the country.

The Gang of 40's government shutdown has been bad enough, cutting off death benefits to families of service members and ending federal support for rape crisis centers. It's doubly painful that all this is happening while the House and Senate gyms remain open.

(Bravo to the Washington restaurant that is offering a 10 percent discount to some federal workers, while posting a 10 percent surcharge to members of Congress. Maybe members of the Gang of 40 should also be compelled to wash dishes?)

What's most troubling about the mess is the way the extremists downplay the risks of running into the debt limit. Astonishingly, Rep. Ted Yoho, R-Fla., says that missing the debt ceiling deadline "would bring stability to world markets."

Or there's Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., who said that not raising the debt limit could be reframed as "a pretty reasonable idea." Even Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., says it wouldn't be so bad to miss the debt-limit deadline and face a "managed catastro-

phe."

There's now a right-wing echo chamber, shaped by Fox News Channel and websites like Red-State, that repeats such nonsense until it acquires a patina of plausibility - and thus makes a catastrophe more difficult to avoid. A Pew Research Center poll this month found that 54 percent of Republicans believe that the United States can miss the debt-limit deadline without major problems.

What makes our trajectory dangerous is that the hard-liners are getting positive feedback. The most reliable Republican voters are about twice as likely to say that congressional Republicans have compromised too much as to say that they haven't compromised enough.

Hang on to your hat. We may be in for a wild ride.

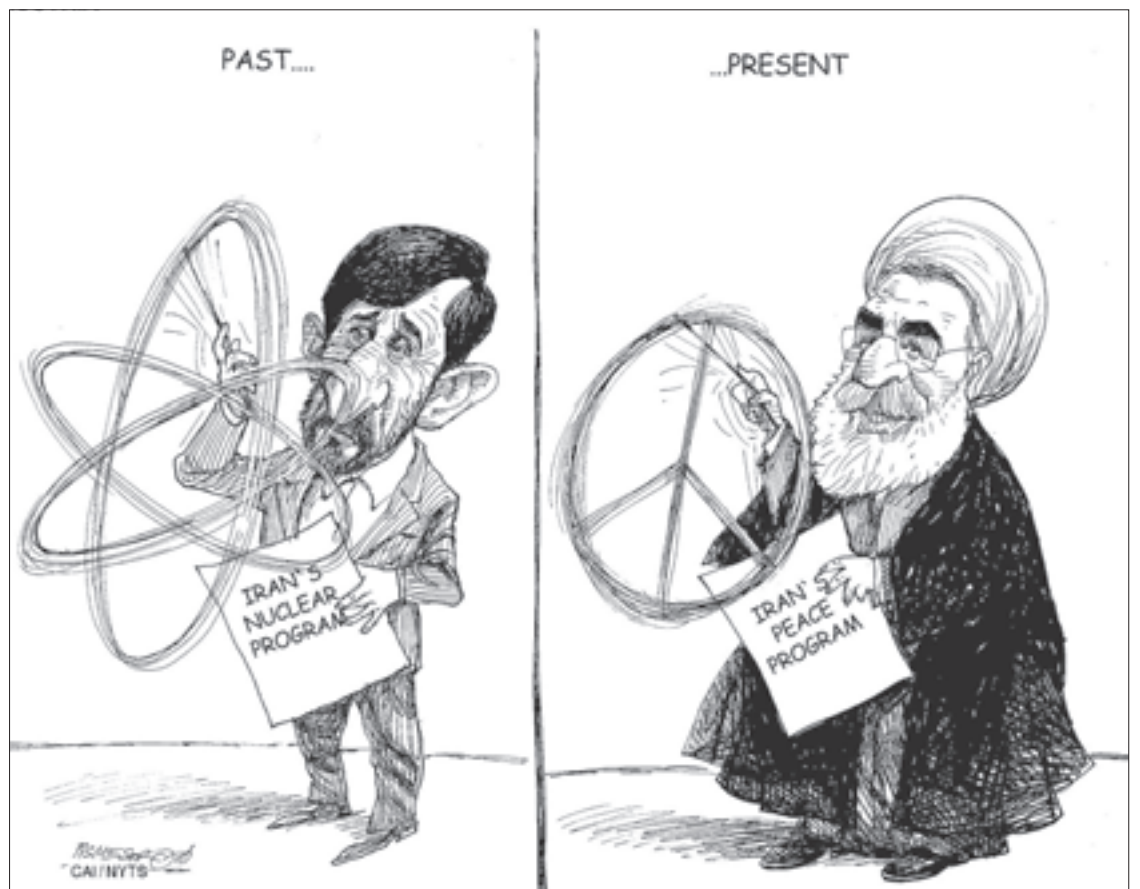
I've often been curious about the wretched political leadership in America in the 1840s and 1850s in the runup to the Civil War: How could U.S. politicians have been so stubborn as they inched toward cataclysm? Watching today's obstreperousness, I'm gaining a better insight. Two features strike me about this moment - and both are echoes of the mistakes before the Civil War. One is the obliviousness of central players, especially the Gang of 40, to the risks ahead.

The second is the way politicians seek leverage by brazenly threatening deliberate harm to the nation unless they get their way. The House Republican hard-liners lost their battle against Obamacare in the democratic process, just as President Barack Obama lost his battle for an assault-weapons ban. But instead of accepting their loss as Obama did, members of the Gang of 40 took hostages. Unless Obamacare is defunded, they'll cause billions of dollars in damage to the U.S. economy.

The GOP claims to be the party particularly concerned by budget deficits. Yet its tantrum caused a government shutdown that cost the country \$1.6 billion last week alone.

As for the debt limit, the costs of missing that deadline could be infinitely greater. Already, interest rates are spiking for one-month Treasury bills to their highest levels since the 2008 financial crisis.

The Bipartisan Policy Center, a think tank, calculates that the 2011 debt-ceiling confrontation will, over a decade, cost U.S. taxpayers an extra \$18.9 billion. And that was the price tag for a crisis in which the debt-limit deadline was eventually met. If this deadline is missed, the costs in higher interest rates in the years ahead will be billions more. Members of the Gang of 40 are unwilling to pay for early childhood education, but they're OK with paying untold billions for a government shutdown and debt-limit crisis? That's not governance, but extremism. □



And Now, Ted Cruz Cloned



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Our question for today is: What does next Wednesday's Senate election in New Jersey mean to those of us who don't live in New Jersey?

Second question: Why is New Jersey electing a U.S. senator on a Wednesday in the middle of October anyway? Why can't everything be at the same time? Because Gov. Chris Christie says he does not want to "cause unnecessary voter confusion," that's why. Christie is up for re-election Nov. 5, and you do not want writers scratching their heads about whose name to put at the top of the story. So the state will spend \$12 million to provide the crystal clarity of a special Senate election Oct. 16. People, do you think Christie used to be one of those kids who refused to share? When other children came over, do you think he put all his toys in one big pile and sat on it? I once had a friend like that, but I don't think she grew up to be in charge of a state.

OK, enough making fun of Christie.

About the Senate election: This is to fill the seat of the late Frank Lautenberg. It pits Cory Booker, the Democratic mayor of Newark, against Steve Lonegan, who was once the Republican mayor of a suburb of about

8,000 people, which despite his heroic efforts, never did vote to make English its official language.

Lonegan says that if he wins, President Barack Obama will instantly "fold" on health care reform. Actually if Lonegan wins, Obama will probably faint. Along with a lot of other people, including every Republican senator who has not been yearning for a new friend who's even crazier than Ted Cruz.

New Jersey has not elected a Republican to the U.S. Senate in more than 40 years. Of course that doesn't mean New Jersey can't. Occasionally, voters will get irked and pick a senator from the minority party, the way they did in Massachusetts when the voters chose Scott Brown, a Republican, in 2010.

This is not exactly the same situation. For one thing, the Democrat in Massachusetts, Martha Coakley, ran a dreadful campaign in which she famously sniffed at the idea of standing outside in the cold shaking voters' hands.

Booker totally loves to shake voters' hands in the cold. Or shovel voters' sidewalks in the cold. Or if voters run out of heating oil, he will run downtown and bring them back a tankful. Even if he has to carry the tank on his back. Without gloves on. Voter interaction is not a Cory Booker problem.

Also, you'll remember that Brown campaigned as a likable, middle-of-the-road kind of guy. Lonegan, on the other hand, is the candidate who said: "I don't care about working together and all that nonsense. What the hell does that mean?" Also the one who opposed federal aid to the victims of Hurricane Sandy by suggesting New Jersey just "suck it up."

Booker, on the other hand, is

perfectly suited to be a 21st-century U.S. senator. Richard Baker, the former Senate historian, says that, in the old days, Robert Byrd used to warn all the incoming senators, "Your attention is going to be fragmented beyond belief."

Booker will arrive pre-fragmented. The man has 1.4 million followers on Twitter, and he seems to have set a life goal of interacting with all of them.

(Yes, yes, a couple of tweets turned out to be with a woman who works at a vegan strip club in Oregon. We got over that immediately. Except for the part where we enjoyed saying "vegan strip club.")

Booker has a double-digit lead according to all the polls, although his double digits used to be larger than they are now. There seems to be an enormous gender gap, with Lonegan doing particularly well among white men. White men of New Jersey, we understand that you're irked about the way the world is going and that it makes you feel better to tell some person who calls you on the phone, interrupting your dinner, that you're going to go out and vote for Steve Lonegan, a man who once expressed his view of the social safety net by saying, "I'd hate to see you get cancer, but that's your problem, not mine." But really, white men of New Jersey, get a grip.

It's theoretically possible that Lonegan could win. Perhaps nobody in New Jersey will remember there's an election Wednesday except Lonegan's immediate family. Then, he'd make history while all the Republicans who are trying to dial their party back from a cliff bang their heads against the wall.

It'd be terrible. Just not as terrible as interrupting Chris Christie's special day. □

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